

### President's letter



as I reach the end of my first academic year as president, Dan and I want to thank you for the outpouring of warm, welcoming support we have received from our entire Mary Baldwin family. I have enjoyed experiencing for the first time each marker of tradition throughout the year, beginning with Charter Day and Founders Day, and culminating in Homecoming and Commencement.

The inaugural ceremonies April 1 and 2 were historic for our community. April 2 was a day I will never forget, and I offer my profound gratitude to the Inauguration Committee for the creative and diligent planning, and to all of you who were able to share the day with us.

The inauguration festivities began Thursday evening, April 1, with a student dinner celebrating global fellowship and unity. An international food fair and artistic performances by guests, staff, and students brought the flavors and sounds of the world to Mary Baldwin.

On Friday morning, a few minutes before 11 a.m., the procession of more than 200 delegates and faculty emerged from the Administration Building, led by VWIL cadets playing fife and drum, to file past Ham and Jam into First Presbyterian Church. Gray skies did not dampen the sense of history and ceremony as we entered the church to the sounds of Johann Sebastian Bach's "St. Anne" prelude.

We share many important messages from the inaugural ceremony with you in this magazine. From the personalized eloquence of Chaplain Pat Hunt's opening prayer and Dr. Sarah Kennedy's "Sonnet for Mary Baldwin College," through the individualized greetings from the Commonwealth of Virginia, institutions of higher learning, the mayor of Staunton, the Session and

congregation of First Presbyterian Church, the faculty, staff, and students of Mary Baldwin, alumnae and alumni, and my family and friends, the inauguration symbol of the Chain Link offered a binding connection of past, present, and future and of our innovative traditions.

What we cannot share adequately are the sounds of the world that we heard during the ceremony and the afternoon concert. As Dr. Ronald Crutcher, a Miami University mentor and friend, noted in his explanation of the Chain Link, the West African adinkra symbol for unity and human relations, throughout the inaugural events we enjoyed music from every continent. The Anointed Voices of Praise and the Mary Baldwin College Choir offered inspiring performances of Kum Ba Yah, a traditional Japanese song, and "Zion's Walls" by Aaron Copland. The Friday afternoon concert, organized as a gift to Mary Baldwin by my beloved friend Srinivas Krishnan, was the musical embodiment of the Chain Link, as music from the world came together in artistic collaboration.

In my inaugural speech, I summarized the outlines of our 10-year strategic plan: Mary Baldwin College 2014, Composing Our Future. The plan advances a bold vision for the college over the next decade, to be realized through five strategic initiatives. This has truly been a rewarding and comprehensive process, reflecting all parts of our community. We will be communicating with you about the plan.

Dan and I hope to see you again soon, in Staunton or as we continue to travel and visit with you throughout the country.

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#### On the cover

A smiling Pamela Fox, Mary Baldwin's newly installed ninth president, follows the mace-bearing Kenneth W. Keller, college marshal and professor of history, out of First Presbyterian Church in Staunton at the conclusion of her inauguration ceremony

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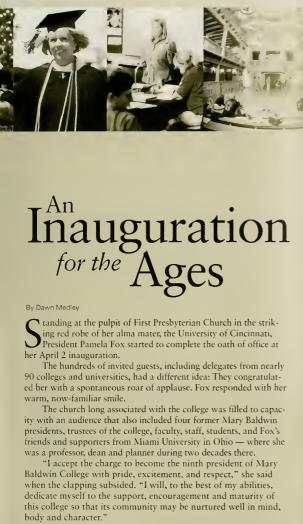
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### MARY BALDWIN COLLEGE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION 2004



body and character."

The oath was the moment that Fox and many others had anticipated since her introduction last spring as Mary Baldwin's next

president, succeeding Cynthia H. Tyson, now president emerita. In her inaugural address, Fox reaffirmed her intention to help make Mary Baldwin an increasingly distinctive institution.

"Today's gathering is about more than any individual or office," she said. "The core of the legacy we are celebrating today is the potency and durability of an idea — the transformative power of liberal education and the transformative power of women in the world."

Specifically, Fox said she wants Mary Baldwin to be "nationally recognized as a leader in providing personalized education" that features "signature programs" and a deep sense of community. The college is "uniquely capable of achieving this vision," she said, because it has successful programs such as the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership, the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted, the Adult Degree Program and the master's programs in Shakespeare and in teaching on which to build.

Fox began to develop a new strategic plan for the college by

soliciting suggestions shortly after her arrival from everyone connected with MBC, including alumnae/i.

The president's address confirmed what Leah Griffith '03, a former Student Government Association president and a member of the search committee that recommended Fox, noticed right away when the committee interviewed her: "She gets it. She has come to understand what this school is about so quickly."

Students crowded into the church balcony for a view of the president they have come to know for her impromptu conversations to learn more about them and the college.

"It's college history in the making," said sophomore Cara Magolda. Junior Renée Hewitt agreed: "Being here during this ceremony is a story that will stay with us after we've graduated from MBC."

The night before the ceremony, Hewitt said Fox took time to sit and talk with many students at a special dinner featuring international music and cuisine.

Fox is a pianist and music scholar, and her interest in the arts and world cultures was reflected in the ceremony and related events, including an exhibition of aboriginal art, theatre performances, and a faculty recital. Fireworks capped the campus-wide celebration.

Fox chose the West African adinkra symbol of a chain link to represent her vision for the college and to unify the celebration. The symbol was explained to those assembled for the inauguration by Ronald Crutcher, Fox's mentor and friend at Miami University, Said Crutcher, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Miami and Wheaton College's next president: "The adinkra chain link symbol conveys a rich variety of meanings related to unity and human relations. Symbolizing unity, responsibility, interdependence, and brotherhood, the linked geometric design relates to the concept of connection and cooperation."

Music from Germany, Russia, Japan, America, England, Brazil, France, Spain, and an African-American spiritual were woven into the ceremony. As an extension of the musical theme, the afternoon's concert, "Hands Full of Beauty," incorporated dancing, drums, a piano, and a saxophone into a performance of

world music, much of it from India.

Fox also became the first to wear the presidential medallion — a gold-plated pendant — and a chain of oak leaves and acorns commissioned by the faculty and presented as its gift to the college.

After she was presented with the medallion, Fox received greetings from dignitaries who included William H. Leighty, chief of staff for Virginia Governor Mark R. Warner; Carl N. Kelley, chair of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; and G. John Avoli, Staunton mayor.

The president's family offered the final greeting.

"Dr. Fox," said the president's husband, Dan Layman, grinning when the audience broke into laughter at the use of his wife's official title.

"We know the importance of your family's support in this endeavor you have undertaken, and through the many demands you face, we assure you of your own family's continuing love and support as you meet the needs of your college family." he said.

In her speech before the greetings, Fox thanked her parents — who were in the audience — and told Layman with "there is no way I could carry out this role without you at my side."

Closing the ceremony was mezzosoprano Mari Opatz-Muni, an award-winning opera singer and one of Fox's close associates at Miami University. She sang "A Thing of Beauty," a musical benediction written for Fox by another Miami colleague, Glen Roger Davis, a noted composer, arranger, and guitarist.

Claire "Yum" Lewis Arnold '69, chair of the Board of Trustees, said the "seriousness of the office of president really hit me" when she administered the oath to Fox. "The collaborative creation of the ceremony made it so complete," she said.

The event involved months of planning by the Inauguration Committee led by Sara Nair James '69, associate professor of art history. James said the most rewarding part of organizing the ceremony was learning more about Fox.

Louise Rossett McNamee '70, vice chair of the Board of Trustees and chair

of the Presidential Search Committee, was touched by what she said was a memorable event: "The inauguration ceremony captured what, I believe, are Dr. Fox's special gifts: It was respectful of history yet forward looking, it was appropriately rich in ceremony yet still informal and warm, it recognized individual achievement while celebrating an inclusive community."

"The Board of Trustees is enthusiastic about the strategic plan and looks forward to working with Dr. Fox to help realize her vision of the college," added McNamee, who was elected by the board to succeed Arnold as chair.

Professor of Philosophy Roderic Owen, another member of the search committee, also appreciated the personal touches in the ceremony. "She has graciously shared so many facets of her professional and personal life with us," he said, adding that the ceremony was "uniquely hers."

"Everyone has a sense that this is a historic moment," said Tyson. "This was a superb presentation of the college that reaffirmed the excellence in everything we do here."

Samuel R. Spencer, former MBC president who went on to serve as president of Davidson College, said the inauguration was "the most original, most meaningful ceremony" he had been part of in a long time. Spencer, trustee and member of the search committee, said Fox's speech assured him of her ability to lead the college.

Fox called on the words and wisdom of both Tyson and Spencer in her address, quoting each of their visions for the college as a way of introducing her own.

Among the MBC alumnae/i present was Heline Cortez Harrison '48 — one of the college's first international students and the wife of L. Randolph Harrison, who represented First Presbyterian Church. She said the inauguration "provoked much thought and pride."

Ruth Peters Sproul '43, supporter of the Hugh B. Sproul Scholarship — established at MBC in memory of her husband's father — said the ceremony was "refreshing" and beautifully done. "I was just imagining that Mary Julia Baldwin would have loved it." she said. Scenes from the inauguration at First Presbyterian Church, clockwise from top President Pamela Fox, center, with former MBC presidents, from left, William W. Kelly, Cynthia H Tyson, Virginia L Lester, and Samuel R Spencer Jr., Claire "Yum" Lewis Arnold '69, right, chair, MBC Board of Trustees, who administered the oath of office, and President Fox acknowledge applause; the Mary Baldwin College Choir, Dan Layman, President Fox's husband, and one of their nieces offer greetings from her family and friends, noted mezzo-soprano Mari Opatz-Muni, one of President Fox's close associates at Miami University, sings "A Thing of Beauty," a musical benediction written for the occasion by Glen Roger Davis, another Miami colleague of President Fox's, President Fox, with her proud mother, Ruth Fox, and her father, William, in the background, Kenneth W Keller, faculty marshal and professor of history, places the new presidential medallion and chain, gifts of the faculty, on President Fox as Lundy H. Pentz, associate college marshal and associate professor of biology, looks on, the hundreds of guests, including alumnae/i, students, faculty, staff, and official delegates of colleges and universities, in the church long associated with Mary Baldwin



















### INAUGURATION SPEECH BY PRESIDENT PAMELA FOX

oday we celebrate a joyous and solemn ritual that reinforces our sense of tradition and community. Today's gathering is about more than any individual or any office. The core of the legacy we are celebrating today is the potency and durability of an idea — the transformative power of liberal education and the transformative power of women in the world. We are infused with connectedness to this beautiful place, to its mission and traditions, to one another, and to humanistic values. We are forever young, as our historic buildings always house new students and new dreams. We must be selective and disciplined as we maintain the delicate creative balance between openness and skepticism, between the imperatives of thought and service, and between tradition and innovation. We are a work in progress.

The West African adinkra symbol, the Chain Link, conveys a rich multilayered message of unity and human relations — weaving responsibility, interdependence, and cooperation. It respects the individual as a basic building block for the collective good of the community.

Our richly connected community has many important links. I am humbly linked to the inspiring leadership of this institution — the seminary and the college. A visible chain connects me to the four Mary Baldwin presidents who are here with us today. I ask them to stand in turn as I call their names: Cynthia H. Tyson, Virginia L. Lester, William W. Kelley, and Samuel R. Spencer. Thank you for your wisdom in shaping and guiding our great college.

Some of the faculty and

staff present today have served under all of these presidents as a dedicated and talented community of support. The people who serve this college and her students are without equal in terms of diligence, expertise, and creativity. The achievements of this college are their achievements, and I now recognize all of you and for your accomplishments in service to this great institution.

We honor our richly diverse student body and their connection to our community.

We cherish the principles of academic freedom and disciplinary inquiry that forge a synergistic spark between student and faculty. We join our passionately loyal alumnae, parents, and friends as lifelong partners. We honor our links to this First Presbyterian Church, which provided the land for our first building and has been our continuing ally, and to the vibrant city of Staunton, of which we are proud to be a part. These strong links help our bonded and purposeful community to still thrive in a highly individualistic culture and a world of global human conflict.

In 1967, Dr. Spencer answered the question: Which comes first — the community or the individual? He affirmed: "Both must be in equilibrium. Society needs persons who understand that individual rights and community responsibilities are neither antithetical nor mutually exclusive."

How have we done this? This is another important link—tradition and innovation. We have changed as the world changed around us. On May 10, 1986, Dr. Tyson captured this link eloquently in her inaugural address: "Mary Baldwin College is a master of adaptability, prac-

ticality, and courageous risk-taking. In this way, it has always grasped the present and shaped its own future."

We have placed mission before market. Yes, we have seized opportunities, and we have created opportunities. But we ground our innovations in the traditions of liberal education for women and the holistic integration of mind, body, and character. We have, as Igor Stravinsky proposed, utilized the conscious and deliberate acceptance of tradition not as repetition or a habit, but as a living force that animates and informs the present. As another great composer, Pierre Boulez acknowledged: "innovation is possible only after the complete digestion of the past."

So when I asked the Mary Baldwin community in August to engage in a yearlong conversation about the purposeful composition of our future, we reaffirmed our values and core strengths and explored potential new opportunities through this combination of tradition and innovation, or what I call innovative tradition.

A rich counterpoint of voices resounded. Though dissonance was heard and respected, clear themes of harmonious consensus emerged.

From this dialogue we have fused our timeless and timely mission with our entrepreneurial spirit to determine how we can further distinguish Mary Baldwin College. Thus the formulation of vision — which is not a magical or evasive process, but rather an idea that resonates with power and authenticity, that champions the common ground of tradition and innovatively transforms it. We seek a vision that will inspire individu-

als and community, and a vision that will engender trust:

Mary Baldwin College will be nationally recognized as a leader in providing personalized, transforming liberal education.

According to this bold vision Mary Baldwin College will be a college like no other. It will be nationally recognized as a model institution because of its distinctive, signature programs offered through a learning community that provides personalized, transforming, liberal education as a foundation for lifelong learning, global citizenship, and the holistic integration of mind, body, and character.

We are uniquely capable of achieving this vision. Mary Baldwin College is distinctive in ethos or spirit; we have a signature spirit linking the individual and the community.

Mary Baldwin College is also distinctive in content. Nowhere else is there a program like the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership, the only all-female cadet corps in the world; there is no other program enabling gifted young women to succeed in college as early as age thirteen; there is no program like the Master of Letters/Master of Fine Arts in Shakespeare in Renaissance Literature in Performance in partnership with Shenandoah Shakespeare, the company that dared to build the world's only recreation of Shakespeare's Blackfriars Playhouse; there is no Master of Arts in Teaching program like ours, grounded in the liberal arts with inquirybased faculty and practicing teachers in every classroom; and for over 25 years our Adult Degree Program has set the standard in offering personalized

opportunity to pursue a baccalaureate degree meeting individual personal, professional, and educational meets.

Our on-campus program for women has many distinctive features - transforming leadership opportunities and unique student government and organizations, excellent academic majors taught by distinguished faculty, the lifelong vitality of sisterhood and support, the honor and judicial systems, the richest and broadest range of diversity of almost any institution in the country, and unique programs such SOAR for minority women and the Quest program for spiritual exploration.

To be a college like no other, distinctive in spirit and content, known as a national model for personalized, transforming liberal education, we propose five strategic initiatives to Compose Our Future.

First, we must unite and enrich our community. At Mary Baldwin College we welcome students of all ages, boast distinctive programs, celebrate the cultural diversity of our campuses, and provide graduate and undergraduate education. We are a complex and dynamic institution and we must rely on our values, traditions and shared purposes to create common ground. We must come together as an institution united by common conviction to assure that Mary Baldwin, as one college, exceeds by ever more the sum of its parts. In order to unite and enrich our community, we propose to utilize our historic theme of Mind-Body-Character as a signature for all of Mary Baldwin College.

Second, we must sharpen our focus on academic excellence. At the heart of the college is our culture of academic excellence. To ensure its evolutionary vitality, we must assess our curriculum and support innovation in teaching. In particular we must fully engage our best students, ensure our offerings are international in scope, and encourage and enable faculty and student research.

Third, we must make personal transformation our priority. We know from experience that a Mary Baldwin College education changes lives in a way that goes beyond intellectual achievement. To make this more intensive and intentional, we will design comprehensive and progressive experiences. A cluster of signature experiences will be integral to every program we offer, including our vision that all students will have an international experience

Fourth, to achieve these programmatic initiatives, we must renew our environment. Our physical environment must provide a foundation for our visions and programmatic initiatives, supporting the individual and the spirit of community, and, in the near future we will complete a comprehensive campus master plan.

Finally, we must fund our future. Our aspirations depend on resources. It is essential that we commit ourselves to a long-term plan to acquire, invest and manage our assets wisely.

The key to achieving all of this is again the concept of linkage. We will create new connections among strong existing programs, foster new interdisciplinary connections, cross long-established organizational boundaries to unite in-class and out-of-class life, and enrich external connections, particularly through the rich resources of our graduates.

We must grow and model leadership as a transformative learning community. As Gandhi said: "We must be the change we wish to see in the world."

To conclude, I offer a verbal image of our future. Our future is based on the living vitality of our mission and traditions. So the compositional technique for Composing Our Future is one of thematic transformation, whereby a

recognized motive is changed, expanded, and reharmonized but is recognizable throughout, gaining strength and growing in meaning and beauty. The linking motive of our thematic transformation is innovative tradition.

In each phrase an important part of our mission and tradition is stated. As we consider our mission of empowering education for women, we remember that although there are 80 percent fewer women's colleges today than in 1960, we are the largest and fastest growing in Virginia, In 1842 education for women was a brave agenda of equal opportunity. In 2004 we offer not only equal but every opportunity for women. Women's education is a powerful unfinished global imperative in the 21st century.

We live the liberal arts. Since the initial philosophy of Rufus Bailey, we have promoted the quest for self-authorship through the holistic exploration of mind-body-character leading

to the richly examined life.

We have stressed personal transformation since our founding. Mary Julia Baldwin, assessed each pupil individually for placement. A century later, Dean Martha Grafton greeted every student by name. Alumnae and alumni across the centuries agree: "Mary Baldwin changed my life."

As the distinguished timeline of our institution advances, our signature identity has evolved from Augusta Female Seminary to Mary Baldwin Seminary to the junior college and seminary to liberal arts college to an integrated institution in 1968, and then in succession with the evolution of our unique signature programs for adults, young women, teachers, and Shakespeare scholars.

So, in concluding, I offer a series of additive phrases [below] — beginning with our core mission and adding successively new phrases until our vision is fully articulated.

#### COMPOSING OUR FUTURE

### INNOVATIVE TRADITION THE LINKING MOTIVE OF OUR THEMATIC TRANSFORMATION

Empowering education for women

Empowering liberal education for women

Empowering liberal education for women through personalized transformation

Empowering liberal education for women <u>and men</u> through personalized transformation in <u>signature programs</u>

Empowering liberal education for women and men through personalized transformation in signature programs serving as a national model

#### INNOVATIVE TRADITION OUR CHAIN LINK

in the Adinkra spirit of unity and global human relations

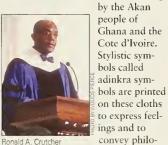
(Not for the present but for eternity) Non pro tempore sed aeternitate 'The Chain Link conveys Pamela's commitments to global citizenship, to her philosophy of nurturing the individual while creating collaborative communities, and to her vision for Mary Baldwin College.'

# West African Adinkra Symbol: The Chain Link

The following comments at the inauguration ceremony were made by Ronald A. Crutcher, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Miami University, and president-designate of Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts.

The symbol for inauguration of Pamela Fox as the ninth president of Mary Baldwin College is the Chain Link, the West African adinkra symbol for unity and human relations. I would like to offer some context for this symbol's meaning to Mary Baldwin and to Pamela, whom I value as a friend and have supported as a mentor.

Adinkra is the name given to the colorful, hand-painted and handembroidered cloth used for mourning



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messages to the departed.

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Adhra constitutes a system of verbal and visual imagery. The figurative and geometric adinkra symbols embody poetic messages, proverbs, and aphorisms. Some express the legendary history of the Akan people,

sophical

and others are cultural metaphors conveying multilayered meanings and profound truths. They provide a framework for moral virtues and lessons for a good life in epitomizing the Akan world view and their quest for global truth and righteousness. The 80 core adinkra symbols have been in use for about 200 years.

The adinkra Chain Link symbol conveys this rich variety of meanings related to unity and human relations. Symbolizing unity, responsibility, interdependence, and brotherhood, the linked geometric design relates to the concept of connection and cooperation. It relates human beings to the links of a chain, where the interdependence of each person (a link), determines the success of the community (the chain). The individual is an important link in society, a basic building block, for the collective good of the community. This organized association of individuals is good for the collective as well as individuals.

The Chain Link conveys Pamela's commitments to global citizenship, to her philosophy of nurturing the individual while creating collaborative communities, and to her vision for Mary Baldwin College.

### Oath of Office

Administered to Pamela Fox by Claire Lewis Arnold, chair of the Mary Baldwin Board of Trustees

CHAIR: Dr. Fox, as the president of Mary Baldwin College, do you pledge to honor its traditions and encourage its creativity?

PRESIDENT: I do. I pledge to further the college's mission of providing a transforming liberal arts education that prepares students for a lifetime of learning.

CHAIR: Are you committed to fostering an empowering, inclusive educational environment?

PRESIDENT: I am. I pledge to stress the value of individuals for their contributions to the community as a whole. I will encourage leadership among students, faculty and staff and promote multicultural education that draws on the originality and courage of this institution.

CHAIR: Will you strive to connect the college with the larger community?

PRESIDENT: I will. I pledge to seek out partnerships with other private and public institutions to position Mary Baldwin as an active participant in the arena of higher education. I will strengthen students' preparation for global citizenship through outreach and community service learning.

CHAIR: Then, by virtue of my authority as chair of the Board of Trustees on this second day of April 2004 and in the 162nd year of this institution, I formally declare you installed as the president of Mary Baldwin College with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities it carries.

PRESIDENT: I accept the charge to become the ninth president of Mary Baldwin College with pride, excitement and respect. I will, to the best of my abilities, dedicate myself to the support, encouragement and maturity of this college so that its community may be nurtured well in mind, body and character.

### A Sonnet for Mary Baldwin College

By Dr. Sarah Kennedy

September, and the lady-slipper's back, the Queen Anne's lace: Joanna's at het poems, Nakita's reading French. The foliage burns, and Sherry, under her midnight lamp, tracks

the histories of human population.

Evening windows, where the women gather
(the hour comes earlier and earlier),
show ancient hills behind the young reflections.

Then winter's gone, the Blue Ridge dark with dame's rocket, a flower once cultivated, now blossoming in woods and city yards. New robes are pressed. The wild azaleas flame.

Then May arrives and one more year's brought round to summer's brilliances in leaf and bloom.

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be published this fall.

### The Author on Her Sonnet

The idea for this sonnet came to me rather unexpectedly after Sara Nair James, chair of the Inauguration Committee, and I discussed the search for an emblem to commemorate our new president. We talked about Mary Baldwin College's dedication to the traditions of academic excellence and to innovation.

I am also the chair of the Honor Scholars Committee and have the opportunity to see many student applications for honors work in regular courses, so examples of student inquiry were in my thoughts as well.

I had never written a poem about Mary Baldwin before, but, as I thought about it, a loose sonnet form seemed right: Traditional but not weighted with exact one-syllable rhymes.

The poem follows the sequence of the academic year, beginning in the early fall and

ending in the spring, with a glance toward the summer. I wanted to end with that look ahead. It's what we do at graduation time think seriously about what the year's work will bring to fruition in the months to come.

It also compresses into a year what the intellectual life ideally accomplishes. It gives us the tools to make every year a process of enrichment of ourselves and the communities to which we belong.

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### Inauguration Prayer

Mary Baldwin's chaplain, Patricia Hunt, composed the following prayer and read it at the inauguration of President Pamela Fox.

Our Gracious God.

We are deeply grateful that we are a part of this Mary Baldwin band of seekers and creators and thinkers and detectives

and musicians and writers and composers and artists and lovers of investigating our shining blue orb spinning through space.

We come to ask your blessing on this same bit of beautiful and holy ground that Mary Julia Baldwin (and how many others?) implored you to bless.

Now it is our turn.
It is Pamela Fox's turn.

We do not know what the future holds,

but we pray she and we can face it with courage.

May we live neither cringing in fear on the one hand or clinging to shallow optimism on the other

but embracing hope born of a deep and abiding faith in your goodness and good will

toward us and all creation.

Give us a vision of our place in your purpose

so in seasons when nothing seems to go right we can have assurance that comes from believing that the world *needs* our gifts and our labors are not in vain.

In this era when the word *accountability* seems to be on everyone's lips, don't let our life together become some grim forced march of duty and responsibility.

Give us an attitude of joy.

Even when we don't like each other very much and are tempted to view others as if they were felons in a court where we are the presiding judge,

may we still find each other mysterious and astonishing creatures who bear your imprint.

May there be many, many days when we are simply happy to be here.

Thank you for bringing us Pamela Fox; we are indeed fortunate.

May we go forth with confidence that there are new songs to be sung, fresh discoveries to be made, rich experiences coming our way.

Let your favor be upon us and prosper the work of our hands.

Amen.



## Presidential Medallion and Chain of Office

Mary Baldwin's presidential medallion and chain of office are gifts from the faculty to the college on the occasion of the inauguration of President Pamela Fox.

The medallion is patterned after the college's 1992 sesquicentennial medal. Designed by the same artist, R. Daniel Booton of Gum Spring, Virginia, the medallion features the college crest on one side and a profile of the Administration Building, complete with the cast-iron dogs Ham and Jam, on the other. Appearing with the crest are the dates of the establishment of Augusta Female Seminary and the seminary's elevation to college status, and the college's motto "Non Pro Tempore, Sed Aeternitate" (Not for Time, but for Eternity).

The chain, also designed by Booton, depicts oak leaves linked with acorns, symbols associated with the college that convey courage, truth, and strength.

During the past 30 years, Booton and his wife, Mary, have made many medallions and other items for Virginia colleges and universities, including a presidential medallion for Virginia Commonwealth University, a sesquicentennial medallion for the Virginia Military Institute, and a bust of former secretary of state and Nobel Peace Prize winner George C. Marshall for top donors to the foundation established in his memory.

The Bootons' commissions for unique presidential medallions have increased in recent years, reviving a tradition that originated in ancient times, when public officials and others who had authority over property marked official documents with a personal seal. By the 10th century, these seals had become very large — the one King John used to seal the Magna Carta was more than 3 inches in diameter, and heavy. It became customary to wear the seals on a chain around the neck. Norman nobility were among the first to convert the chain into a ceremonial symbol of office. By the Renaissance, chains were worn by all sorts of civic officials such as the Lord Mayor of London and never died out completely in the civic arena.

Mary Baldwin's president will wear the medallion of office on formal occasions. It will be displayed on campus when not in use.

### Inauguration Was a Breath of Fresh Air

Dr. Pamela Fox has been president of Mary Baldwin College in all but full title since 2003, so last week's inauguration was really only the festive icing on a cake that's been baking for quite a while. Thus, if our congratulations to Fox seem somewhat muted — like fireworks on a rainy, chilly night — we hope she will understand that it is only because we are already accustomed to knowing her in her role as a leader in both the community and at Mary Baldwin.

That said, we must acknowledge that Fox took on her official role as president of the college in an inaugural ceremony that rivaled all but some of Staunton's historically legendary events in both style and substance.

The style evidenced — from Fox's adoption of an African symbol of unity to embody her goals and leadership philosophy to the diverse multicultural musical offerings at her inauguration to the new president's embrace of the entire Staunton community — was a breath of fresh air.

The substance — viewed from the perspective of a full year in office for Fox, in spirit if not in full title — is living proof that the newest president of Mary Baldwin College is dedicated to leading the college to new heights during her tenure.

This is not meant to downplay the contributions of any of Fox's predecessors or to imply they were somehow lacking; it's not. But Fox's leadership style and world view are obviously such a quantum leap forward for Mary Baldwin that it augurs well for the college, Staunton and community in general. We are all—individually and together—evolving. Dr. Fox's joyful and spirited taking of the reins last week is proof that evolution can be both fun and stylish as well as a necessary step toward perfection.

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Inauguration fireworks on Cannon Hill, April 2, 2004

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## Global Rhythms: Have Beat, Will Travel

By Dawn Medley

aptivated from the first jingle of tiny bells tied around dancers' ankles, the audience at "Hands Full of Beauty," a concert of world music by Global Rhythms, slipped under the charms of a distant culture.

Srinivas Krishnan, artistic director of Global Rhythms, and other performers evoked the power of the human hand during the concert in celebration of President Pamela Fox's inauguration.

"I thought it was amazing," said senior Lindsey Lieberman. "I hope we can get more people like this visiting the college and the city. I think it's something every student should have the chance to experience."

The ensemble — which has a revolving cast of musicians — has performed around the country.

"It's about making music very real," said Krishnan, a native of India and artist in residence at the Center for American and World Cultures at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

The concert began with a traditional Indian dance called Odissi performed by sisters Laboni, Shibani and Shalani Patnaik. The young women have performed the dance — which involves intricate hand and finger movements and bells tied to their ankles and wrists — while on tours with Madonna and Ravi Shankar.

A pianist, saxophonist and several hand percussionists — many of whom are graduates or students from Miami University's School of Fine Arts — combined for a hypnotic chant and instrumental piece. Drum solos by Krishnan, Patrick Hernly, Satish

Pathakota, and percussion prodigy Kiran Pathakota, a master of the two-headed drum called the mridangam, rolled the performance to a heart-pumping crescendo.

The percussionists rapidly alternated solos on various drums: the ghatam, a clay pot from southern India; the kanjira, an instrument made from the skin of an iguana; the tabla, an instrument from northern India; and the steel pan, a Caribbean drum with a metallic sound.

"It was a beautiful statement of the president's vision, of her encouragement of the school to open up and embrace things outside our immediate environment," said Alice Araujo, associate professor of communication and a native of Brazil.

Krishnan's association with Miami University, where Fox was a professor of music and dean of the School of Fine Arts, began when he was a student in the mid-1980s. Fox encouraged the development of Global Rhythms, which has grown from an ensemble of four people to more than 120 musicians and dancers from around the globe.

"She was the center of initiation for our projects," Krishnan said of Fox. "She allowed the world to be part of students' everyday life by bringing cultural music and cultural appreciation to the school."

"Every time we come together like this, it is another adventure," he said. "The music and your appreciation of it sends ripples of understanding all around the world."













Above and upper left, the Patnaik sisters perform traditional Indian dance. At upper right, Srinivas Krishnan, center, artistic director of Global Rhythms, plays porcussion with predigy Kiran Pathakota, a student from India, left, and Patrick Hemly, graduate student at Indiana University: In photo at left, Sathish Pathaketa. expert in ethnic hand percussion, performs with saxophonist Carrie DeCarrilis, elso en Indiana University graduate student.

### Official Greetings for President Fox



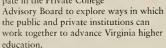
I bring you greetings from the governor and the Commonwealth of Virginia. This commonwealth has a long history of fine educational institutions stretching back over

300 years, both public and private institutions. We are pleased to celebrate with you today the inauguration of Dr. Pamela Fox as your ninth president, and the governor sends his warmest greetings and best wishes to President Fox and the entire college community.

- THE HONORABLE WILLIAM H. LEIGHTY, chief of staff for Governor Mark R. Warner

As chairman of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the coordinating board for the public institutions of higher education in Virginia, I bring greetings to Dr. Pamela Fox on the occasion of her inauguration. The 16 institutions of

SCHEV send congratulations to Mary Baldwin College and wish Dr. Fox a successful and productive tenure as president. The council also looks forward to having Dr. Fox participate in the Private College



- DR. CARL N. KELLY, chairman, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

It is an honor for me to be here today to represent the citizens of the City of Staunton. On their behalf, I want to welcome all of you from distant places to our city. We hope you will be able to enjoy our hospitality for a few days, or



that you will soon find your way back for a longer visit. On behalf of the people of Staunton, I also want to express our pride at being the home of a truly outstanding educa-

tional institution like Mary Baldwin College, and to extend a particularly warm welcome and congratulations to Dr. Pamela Fox.

- G. JOHN AVOLI, mayor of Staunton

On behalf of the Session and congregation of First Presbyterian - the church in whose manse President Woodrow Wilson was born, the church of visionary educator Mary Julia Baldwin, and the church attended by Mary Baldwin presidents and the college community throughout the



years, I welcome all the participants of this historic presidential inauguration and pledge to Dr. Pamela Fox, her administration, the faculty, staff, and student

bodies our enthusiastic encouragement, fervent prayers, and hearty best wishes. Under her inspired guidance and direction may the college continue to break new ground in the fields of education and leadership and cultivate the skills and wisdom of her alumnae and alumni.

- THE REV. DR. L. RANDOLPH HARRISON

President Fox, I bring you greetings from the faculty and staff of Mary Baldwin College. Langston Hughes, in a poem titled "Daybreak in Alabama," writes, "When I get to be a composer / I'm gone write me some music about . . . / black and white black white black people / and I'm gone put white hands / And black hands and brown and vellow hands / And red clay hands in it." We have our composer, and, like Hughes's composer, you will need to harmonize many differ-

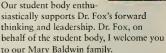
ent hands. We already admire and appreciate your energy and commitment as you have begun that orchestration. We look forward to a productive, open, and cooperative music,



cy, we pledge to lend our hands and our heads and our hearts as instruments for a Mary Baldwin hymn that will swell and beckon in wisdom, beauty, and learning from these hills and halls. Welcome.

- DR. ROBERT GROTJOHN, associate professor of English and chairman of division coordinators

On behalf of the student body of Mary Baldwin College, I welcome Dr. Fox to the long line of distinguished presidents of Mary Baldwin College.



- SARAH GOOCH '04, president, Student Government Association

It is an honor to represent over 11,000 alumnae and alumni of Mary Baldwin College. On their behalf I want to express my sincere best wishes to you as



our ninth president. We already know that you share a love for our college. We look forward to your leadership as the objectives of innovative traditions,

empowered, inclusive community, and dynamic linkages are developed and put in place. It is an exciting time to be at Mary Baldwin College! Welcome and congratulations, Dr. Fox.

- DR. SUE McDowell Whitlock, president, Alumnaeli Association

We know the importance of your family's support in this endeavor you have under-

taken, and through the many demands you face, we assure you of your own family's continuing love and support as you meet the needs of your college family.



- HUSBAND DAN LAYMAN, NIECES RACHEL AND MEGAN BRIGHT

### View the Inauguration

See the inauguration ceremony of President Pamela Fox on videotape or DVD. Send \$15, covering the cost as well as shipping and handling, to Office of Alumnae/i Activities, Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, VA 24401. Payment may be made by cash, money order, check (payable to Mary Baldwin College), or credit card (Visa or Master Card; please include card number and expiration date).

### Colleges and Universities Sending Greetings

Agnes Scott College

Alma College

Anderson University

Aquinas College

Austin College

Baylor University

Beloit College Bennington College

Bridgewater College

Bucknell University

Cabrini College

California State University, Los Angeles

Carthage College

Central Virginia Community College

Centre College

Colby College

Colgate University

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College of New Rochelle

College of Saint Benedict

College of Saint Elizabeth

College of Santa Fe

College of William and Mary

College of Wooster

Christian Brothers University

Dartmouth College

Davidson College

Denison University

DePauw University

Dickinson College

Doshisha Women's College of Liberal Arts

Drury University

Eastern Mennonite University

Eastern Virginia Medical School

Ferris State University

Fitchburg State College

Frostburg State University

Gettysburg College

Grinnell College

Grove City College

Guilford College

Hampden-Sydney College

Harvard University

Hastings College

Hillsdale College

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Hope College

Illinois College

Illinois Weslevan University

Immaculata University

Indiana State University

James Madison University

King College

Knox College

Lake Forest College

Lawrence University

Lebanon Valley College

Lees-McRae College

Lewis & Clark College

Lindsey Wilson College

Longwood University

Lycoming College

Lynchburg College

Lyon College

Macalester College

McDaniel College

Meredith College

Metropolitan State University

Millikin University

Moore College of Art and Design

Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary

Mountain Empire Community College

Muhlenberg College

Nebraska Wesleyan University

New York University

Ohio Northern University

Old Dominion University

Pitzer College

Point Loma Nazarene University

Pomona College

Purchase College

Queens University of Charlotte

Quincy University

Randolph-Macon College

Randolph-Macon Woman's College

Regent University

Ripon College

Saint Augustine's College

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College

St. Mary's College of Maryland

St. Norbert College

St. Olaf College

Saint Paul's College

San Jose State University

Schreiner University

Seattle Pacific University

Seton Hill University

Shawnee State University

Sheldon Jackson College

Simpson College

Smith College

Southwestern University

Spelman College

Spring Arbor University

State University of New York, Stony Brook

State University of West Georgia

Sweet Briar College

Temple University

Tennessee Weslevan College

Texas Christian University

Texas Weslevan University

Texas Woman's University

Tulane University

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University of California, Santa Barbara

University of Central Florida

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University of Hartford

University of Illinois

University of Iowa University of Kansas

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

University of Nebraska

University of the Ozarks

University of Pittsburgh

University of the South

University of Tulsa

University of Virginia

University of Virginia College at Wise

University of Wisconsin, Green Bay

University of Wisconsin, Parkside

University of Wyoming

Ursuline College

Vanderbilt University

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Virginia State University

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Washington College

Wesleyan College

Westminster College

Wheaton College

William Jewell College

Wilson College

Wittenberg University

## Delegates of Colleges and Universities (Listed in Order of Founding)

HARVARD UNIVERSITY Dr. Joseph S. Galeski III, alumnus	1636	BLACKBURN COLLEGE  Edwin Jaenke, alumnus	1837
THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY Dr. Barbara A. Watkinson,	1693	DAVIDSON COLLEGE Dr. Timothy D. Spencer, alumnus	1837
interim dean, Faculty of Arts and Sciences WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY	1749	MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE Dr. Sarah A. Nunneley, alumna	1837
Dr. Elizabeth Goad Oliver, professor and head of Department of Accounting		DUKE UNIVERSITY Lessie Arnold, alumna	1838
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY Judith Payne Grey, alumna	1754	GREENSBORO COLLEGE Dr. Craven Williams, president	1838
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE Sherri Burkholder Fosdick, alumna	1769	JUDSON COLLEGE Dr. V. Shamin Slisson, alumna	1838
HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE Dr. Walter M. Bortz III, president	1775	BOSTON UNIVERSITY Dr. Kenneth Beals, alumnus	1839
WASHINGTON COLLEGE Charles Downs, alumnus	1782	LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY  Dr. Wayne McWee, dean, College of Business and Economics	1839
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA Lallon Pond, alumna	1785	VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE  General J. H. Binford Peay III, superintendent	1839
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL Jane Mills Testerman, alumna	1789	HOLLINS UNIVERSITY  Dr. Wayne Markert, acting president	1842
WILLIAMS COLLEGE William H. Dickey Jr., alumnus	1793	OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY  Bonnie M. Holm, alumna	1842
BOWDOIN COLLEGE Michael P. Amato, alumnus	1794	WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY  Karen Fletcher Asher, alumna	1845
UNION COLLEGE Mary fo Burke, alumna	1795	RHODES COLLEGE  Dr. Thomas Elisha Strong, alumnus	1848
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE Stephany Morgan, alumna	1798	COLUMBIA COLLEGE  Dr. Linda Crouch Lightsey, alumna	1854
MOUNT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE AND SEMINARY Dr. Rosina Bolen, assistant professor of biology	1808	PEACE COLLEGE Craig Barfield, vice president for finance and administration	1857
MIAMI UNIVERSITY Dr. Joseph T. Urell, vice provost, associate vice president for academic affairs	1809	TENNESSEE WESLEYAN COLLEGE  Carl E. Tarpley Jr., alumnus	1857
COLBY COLLEGE  Lois Peterson Johnson, alumna	1813	UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH Michael B. Tusing, alumnus	1857
ALLEGHENY COLLEGE Linda Beth Goldstein, alumna	1815	AVERETT UNIVERSITY Cynthia C. Reed, alumna	1859
CENTRE COLLEGE Barbara Sanders, alumna	1819	UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS Richard M. Roberds, alumnus	1865
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA  John A. Blackburn, dean of admission	1819	CARLETON COLLEGE Pamela K. Luecke, alumna, former trustee	1866
AMHERST COLLEGE The Reverend John D. Lane, alumnus	1821	THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER  Dr. Dennis W. Barnes, alumnus	1866
RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE The Honorable William Daniel Heatwole, alumnus	1830	TRINITY UNIVERSITY Karen Russi Wright, alumna	1869
KALAMAZOO COLLEGE  Deborah McWee, alumna	1833	URSINUS COLLEGE Dr. Eileen Ternove Hinks, alumna	1869
TULANE UNIVERSITY	1834	WILSON COLLEGE Orlean Rynhart Holsinger, alumna	1869
Michael J. Rapier, alumnus, Mary Baldwin College trustee OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY Dr. Mimi Milner Elrod, alumna	1835	SMITH COLLEGE Holly Taliaferro Bailey, alumna	1871
Dr. Minn Milner Etrod. alumna UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY The Reverend Caroline Price-Gibson, alumna	1836	VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY John G. Rocovich Jr., rector, Board of Visitors	1872

COLLEGF OF NOTRE DAMF OF MARYLAND Patricia A. Ridenour, alumna	1873	SWEFT BRIAR COLLEGE Dr. Jonathan Green, actng dean	1901
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY Dr. Timothy C. Jacobson, alumnus	1873	JAMES MADISON UNIVERSIFY Marsha Mays-Bernard, director, University Health Center	1908
SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY Dr. James A. Davis, president	1875	THE SAGE COLLEGES Dr. Cheryl Nystrom, alumna	1916
JUNIATA COI LEGE M. Gail Mann, alumna	1876	EASTERN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY Dr. Loren E. Swartzendruber, president	1917
BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE Dr. Robert B. Andersen, associate dean for academic affairs	1880	IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY Sigrid Ann Weimer, alumna	1920
PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE Walter W. Ridgely, treasurer and controller	1880	SIENA COLLEGE Gregory M. Coats, alumnus	1937
SETON HILL UNIVERSITY Dr. Ellen Steward Pentz, alumna	1883	KING'S COLLEGE Ambrose Jones III, CPA	1946
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS Nelson Sanchez, alumnus	1883	ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE John Rannie, alumnus	1958
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY  Beth Colmery, Esquire, alumna	1884	VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE Layne Warren, manager of application support services	1966
VIRGINIA INTERMONT COLLEGE  Merle Warren Dickert, director of alumni development	1884	BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE Dr. James R. Perkins, president	1967
RYN MAWR COLLEGE  lary Morriss Gibbs, alumna		DABNEY S. LANCASTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE Dr. Joyce A. Cross, vice president	1967
GOUCHER COLLEGE Patricia Sullivan Greene, alumna	1885	for financial and administrative services  JOHN TYLER COMMUNITY COLLEGE	1967
CONVERSE COLLEGE  Elaine Elder McCarrick, alumna	1889	Dr. Marshall W. Smith, president TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE	1968
RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE	1891	Wendy Poelnitz, director, Development and Foundation Office	
Margaret Dietz Henderson, alumna		PIEDMONT VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE Dr. Frank Friedman, president	
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, GREENSBORO 1891 feffrey F. A. Shuey, alumnus		JEFFERSON COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES	1982
MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS Nancy Murray, alumna	1894	Dr. Carol Seavor, president	
WARREN WILSON COLLEGE	1894		



### Delegates of Associations and Learned Societies

ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES Gary Luhr, executive director

COUNCIL OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES IN VIRGINIA Robert B. Lambeth Jr., president

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Dr. William W. Kelly, former president, Mary Baldwin College

VIRGINIA FOUNDATION FOR INDEPENDENT COLLEGES Edward G. Moore, president

### McNamee '70 Elected Chair Of MBC Trustees

The Mary Baldwin College Board of Trustees has elected Louise Rossett McNamee '70 its chair to succeed Claire "Yum" Lewis Arnold '69. The

board has chosen other officers and has selected three new members: a decorated veteran of the Gulf War, a corporate executive, and an educator who has specialized in gifted students.

McNamee, who has been vice chair and headed the search committee that recommended Pamela Fox as MBC's president, is a much-honored advertising pioneer and a partner in Messner Berger McNamee Schmetterer Euro RSCG. A trustee since 1989, she earned a B.A. in English. She lives in New York City and London, England.

While a student, McNamee was on the Honors List, received the Marshall Moore Brice Prize for one of her poems, was editor of the literary magazine, received the Benn Memorial Scholarship for Creative Writing and the Cynthia Anna Durham Award, and was a part of Reader's Theatre.

As an alumna, McNamee has been a visiting CEO, received the MBC Carcer Achievement Award, and was a Smyth Leadership Lecturer. She was the graduation speaker twice — in 1985 and this spring. The recipient of virtually every major award in advertising, she was named by the Virginia Foundation of Independent Colleges an outstanding alumna.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Newman Mason '69, senior director of sales for Advantis in Norfolk, Virginia, where she lives, was chosen vice chair, and Cynthia Luck Haw '79 of Richmond, former teacher and a board member since 1998, was re-elected secretary. The following are new trustees: Tracey L. Cones '82 of Fairfax, Virginia, earned a B.A. in psychology. While at Mary Baldwin, she was the

first African-American on the tennis team and was in ROTC. She commissioned into the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant. During a decade as a transportation and logistics officer, she served in Germany and led 235 soldiers in Operations Desert Shield and Desert

Storm in Kuwait. She received the Bronze Star, the National Defense Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Overseas Ribbon. Cones also taught Army ROTC at Hampton University. She works with the National Museum of Natural History, part of The Smithsonian Institution, in Washington, D.C.

Jane Harding Miller '76 of Larchmont, New York, managing director for General Re Corporate Finance Inc. in New York City, earned a B.A. in history and has a law degree from the University of Virginia. Miller has been a member of the Advisory Board of Visitors at Mary Baldwin.

Sue McDowell Whitlock '67, an English major, is a former teacher and a former supervisor of gifted education for the Upper Dublin school district in Pennsylvania. Whitlock, of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, is completing a term as president of the Mary Baldwin Alumnaeli Association. She earned an M.Ed. and an Ed.D. from Temple University and a Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility from Arcadia University. She is a recipient of the 1988 National Association for Gifted Children John C. Gowan Graduate Student Award.

#### Thomas Piazze Leads Institutional Advancement

Thomas E. Piazze Jr., who was associate vice president for development at James Madison University, is now Mary Baldwin's vice president for



homas E. Piazze Jr

institutional advancement. A retired lieutenant colonel in the U. S. Army and a West Point graduate, he began in his new position April 19.

Piazze's primary responsibility will be to help Mary Baldwin College fulfill its mission and attain its strategic goals by building strong relationships with the college's constituents. He will oversee staff in college relations, alumnae/i activities, fundraising, and advancement services.

At JMU, where he was also interim vice president for university advancement, Piazze helped plan and initiate the school's first comprehensive capital campaign. He led university advancement efforts in development; alumni, parent, and community relations; and marketing and communication. Earlier, as director of corporate and foundation relations at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, he helped triple annual contributions.

"Mary Baldwin College is indeed fortunate to welcome Tom Piazze," said MBC President Pamela Fox. "His breadth and depth of experience in fundraising and college relations will help Mary Baldwin realize its aspirational visions of national prominence."

Piazze earned a master's degree at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. He returned to the United States Military Academy in 1989 to teach before retiring from the Army in 1993. He played a large role in fundraising for the academy's Association of Graduates as a class giving officer and a major gifts officer.

Piazze said his transition to a mostly female institution will not be difficult. "Three of the most important and influential people in my life are women — my mother, my wife, and my daughter," Piazze said. "Through them, I have witnessed the generational change of women in our society as well as the ever-growing importance of women in positions of leadership in business, the military, and government. This is a positive change, and I want to contribute to its continuation."

Piazze lives in Elkton, Virginia, with his wife, Donna. They have a daughter, a former communications officer for the Army who lives in Texas, and a son serving in the Army in the 24th Mechanized Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas.

### VWIL Cadet Wins Prestigious Scholarship

By Morgan Alberts Smith '99

Mei-Ling Fye, a rising senior and a cadet in the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership, is one of just four college students in America to be awarded an Olmsted Scholarship to study abroad this summer.

The grant, made to Reserve Officer Training Corps students through the Olmsted Foundation Cadet Overseas Travel Program, helps future Army officers better understand a foreign language and culture. Fye, from Alexandria, Virginia, will be in Japan. Her topic: "Hiroshima and Nagasaki: Justified Acts of War or Violations of Noncombatant

Rights?" She will visit the two cities, which were demolished by atomic bombs in World War II. While in Hiroshima, she will talk with a survivor.

To be eligible for the program, Fye needed to be proficient in foreign languages and demonstrate strong leadership capabilities. She speaks Japanese, Chinese, and Spanish. Fye has been one of the top VWIL cadets. She was selected to attend airborne school last August and earned the Army parachute badge.

Fye, an Asian Studies major with minors in music and leadership studies, was elected to the Freshman Leadership Training Committee and to the Mary Baldwin College Honor Council in her sophomore year. She was re-elected to the Honor Council in her junior year. Fye is a member of the soccer team, an avid pianist, drum major of the VWIL Marching Band, president of the college's chapter of the national leadership society Omicron Delta Kappa, and will be first captain, the highest position in VWIL, in the coming academic year.

"She is the outstanding young man or woman I have observed in my 28 years as commander in the U.S. Army, three years as program manager in industry or for the past 12 years as the commandant of VMI and now of VWIL," said Brig. Gen. N. Michael Bissell.

### Graduate Receives 'Scholarship for Peace'

By Morgan Alberts Smith '99

Lin Lin Aung, a native of Burma and a much-honored 2003 graduate of Mary Baldwin, has been awarded the Pedro Arrupe, S. J. Scholarship for Peace — \$32,630 toward tuition, fees, room and board — to pursue studies at Georgetown University in the coming academic year.

The scholarship is named for a

Spanish Jesuit priest (Society of Jesus) who witnessed the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and assisted the injured and dying. It was established by Richard and Elizabeth Moley to enable international students with financial need, especially those from areas of the world facing social conflict, to attend Georgetown.

Aung intends to earn a master's degree specializing in international development, particularly in Southeast Asia, at Georgetown's Walsh School of Foreign Service. The two-year program prepares students for leadership in international affairs.

"I couldn't have achieved this scholarship if I hadn't gone to Mary Baldwin College," said Aung. "MBC really gave me a chance to develop my leadership skills and helped me prepare to excel in the world beyond college life."

Aung also has been awarded a scholarship from Prospect Burma in the United Kingdom, established by Aung San Sui Kyi, Burma's 1991 Nobel peace laureate and leader of its democracy movement. She has long been under house arrest in Burma. Prospect Burma aims to create a cadre of highly educated Burmese to rebuild civil society in Burma.

An economics and Asian studies major at MBC, Aung received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award recognizing unselfish service, noble character, and spiritual qualities. She also received the accompanying Mary Keith Fitzroy Award. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, she was president of Cosmos International. As a student she was interviewed by Voice of America, spoke at the United Nations, and lobbied in Washington, D.C. As an intern with at the UN, she researched its programs in Burma.

### MBC Students Win 'Psychology Jeopardy'

By Morgan Alberts Smith '99

Two Mary Baldwin College psychology majors, Stephanie Shelor and Celeste Tidrick, staged a come-frombehind win in the "Psychology Jeopardy" game that closed the Carolinas Psychology Conference in April. The game, based on the popular television program "Jeopardy," is a high-pressure, general-knowledge quiz covering a wide variety of topics in psychology.

The students brought home a trophy to be displayed in Pearce Science Center. Mary Baldwin's name will be engraved on another trophy to be displayed at future conferences. Both students won one-year memberships in both the American Psychological Association and the American Psychological Society. Last year's winner was Duke University.

The Carolinas Psychology Conference is a Southeastern regional meeting of undergraduate students in psychology and related fields. It is cosponsored by North Carolina State University and Meredith College in Raleigh, North Carolina.

From Mary Baldwin, 14 senior psychology majors, one senior biology major, two junior psychology majors, and four psychology faculty made the trip to Raleigh, where seven MBC senior theses were presented. "Our students, both in appearance and behavior, presented themselves in a more professional light than did many of their peers from other institutions," said John Kibler, professor of psychology.

Shelor, of Meadows of Dan, Virginia, has been on the MBC Honors List, was Most Dedicated Player of the volleyball team in 2003, and was named a scholarathlete. She was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa in May.

Tidrick, also inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, has been an Honor Scholar all four years at Mary Baldwin. From Warren, Pennsylvania, she was named to Alpha Lambda Delta, the honor society for freshmen.

### Noshua Watson '95 Finds Her Fortune in the Classroom

By George Graves

Noshua Watson '95 is going back to school — yet again.

That's what she did this past academic year, taking a leave from her high-profile job as a reporter for Fortune, the national business magazine, to teach economics at Mary Baldwin. Now she's headed for France and INSEAD, a leading international business school where she plans to earn a doctorate in management strategy. She has a master's degree in economics from Stanford University.

Watson can be forgiven what must seem like overachieving, at least by most standards. Along with younger sisters Tenea '98, a recently minted Ph.D. working for Genentech, the pioneering biotechnology-research company, and Cambria '02, in film school in Los Angeles, she got a head start, bypassing high school and entering MBC through its unique Program for the Exceptionally Gifted.

Watson began her year at her alma mater delivering the annual Founders Day speech, given in honor of Rufus W. Bailey, who started Augusta Female Seminary in 1842, and Mary Julia Baldwin, a student there who later became its leader, kept it going through tough times, and positioned it to become a college. Introducing Watson, President Pamela Fox said she "embodies so much of what Mary Baldwin College has been about since our founding: opportunity, personal growth, service, and certainly academic achievement."

In her often humorous speech, drawing laughter and knowing smiles, Watson urged students to "try everything you possibly can. Join every club you think might remotely interest you." She said students can always drop what they don't like, but college "is one of the few places where you will have the opportunity and time to try nearly any activity you put your mind to."

"And please," exhorted Watson, "turn off the TV." Instead of plopping onto a couch, "go for a walk. Stretch. Leave your car keys on the dresser." Too often, she said, work environments are "cubicle farms" in which the closest thing to sunshine is



the inevitable fluorescent lighting. "Get some sun while you can," she said. "Heck, get it while it's free. A lot of people never thought they'd pay for bottled water. Bottled sunshine probably will be next."

Another suggestion: Just as parents insist that children sample different foods, make an effort to meet new people because otherwise life "tends to sort you with people who already look like you or went to the same school or have the same job." Offered Watson: "Hang out on a new hall or talk to the girl sitting next to you at the library. You may say that you already have a group of good friends. Well, make some more. You'll need them after graduation."

Watson said she couldn't resist when her MBC advisor, Judy Klein, professor of economics, approached her about teaching economics, her major, at MBC. "It wasn't just a job opportunity," she said, "but a chance to refresh my relationships with my family, friends and former professors." Her mother, Aremita Watson, is a Mary Baldwin trustee, and her father, Rudy Watson, is a former member of the Advisory Board of Visitors. Both proudly listened to her Founders Day speech.

As for her new role in the classroom, Watson thinks students "enjoyed having a younger professor" — and one hip to the latest music and perhaps even tolerant about ubiquitous cell phones. "I had trouble keeping a straight face when someone's cell phone rang during class and played the rap song 'Baby Got Back.'" Watson said her "favorite moment was when I taught my class how to launder money" as Al Pacino's character did in the movie Scarface — "and why it's wrong, of course." She confesses to having had off days, when her students "definitely let me know when I wasn't on point," perhaps from being a little "uptight or simply worn out from grading papers all night."

As she looks ahead to further study this fall, Watson said that "unlike most prospective grad students, I now know what it's really like to balance teaching and writing and wonder if you'll survive long enough to get tenure." She intends to research "how technology and biotech firms come up with new research and development projects, which I started following while I was at Fortune."

Eventually, she said, "I hope to write one of those books that you see business people reading on airplanes. But I haven't thought about it much more than that. I just want to enjoy spending the next four years in France!"

That sounds like Noshua Watson. In her Founders Day speech, she told students to take seriously their pursuit of fun, which can be "hard work."

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

## Relay for Life

### 'Relay' Sets Mark; Raises Nearly \$14,500

By Dawn Medley

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life on campus March 26–27 raised nearly \$14,500, exceeding the college's ambitious efforts during its first year in the program, last year, by almost \$2,000. Spearheaded by students and staff, the event collected money for cancer research through donations, related fundraisers, and pledges for laps by 13 teams around MBC's Physical Activities Center track.

The event has grown in popularity and scope. Students in every class as well as alumnae/i, staff, faculty, friends, family and community members took part this year. Close to 175 participants transformed the track into a temporary campsite, stage and conversation area for the 12-hour overnight walk-a-thon.

The presence of cancer survivors — many of whom share their stories — is an integral part of what has become a national event. MBC students, staff members, and alumnae who have beaten or are living with cancer joined in the "survivor's walk" at the start of the event. Christina Samuel '07; Elizabeth May '06; Jane Pietrowski, vice president of business and finance, Lynn Gilliland, executive director of alumnae/i activities; and Judy Armstrong '58 were among them.

"We talk a lot about how cancer affects everyone, but I never thought it would be me," said Gilliland, who was diagnosed this year. "I came to the relay feeling kind of tired and down, and I left feeling supported and uplifted. It gave me very powerful sense of the family I have on this campus."

The keynote address was given by John Kibler, Mary Baldwin professor of psychology. He spoke emotionally about his young daughter's long struggle with cancer and the things she has taught him during her illness.

MBC President Pamela Fox and Staunton Vice Mayor Dick Robinson also participated in the opening ceremony.



For weeks before the relay, the committee solicited area businesses, receiving donations of food, door prizes, silent auction items, and raffle gifts, including framed prints by local artists P. Buckley Moss, Mary Ann Vessey, and Lisa Geiman.

As of closing ceremony time at the relay, junior Victoria TenBroeck was the top individual fundraiser with more than \$1,500 in donations. The top fundraising team was Fishing for a Cure, which raised close to \$4,200, and the team Buggin' Cancer won recognition for the best team campsite.

The Mary Baldwin gathering was one of more than 3,000 Relay for Life events held in communities around the country. Last year, relays — signature events for the American Cancer Society — raised \$212 million nationwide.

Donations can be added to MBC's relay fund until August 31. Checks are payable to the American Cancer Society, 1920 H. Medical Avenue, Harrisonburg, VA, 28801; make sure to write "Mary Baldwin College Relay for Life" in the memo line.

For more information on Relay for Life or the American Cancer Society, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org. The MBC relay site is at www.acsevents.org/relay/va/mary-baldwincollege.

### Parents Council and Advisory Board of Visitors: Mary Baldwin Volunteers Explore Civic Education

By Dawn Medley

With majors and minors, sports, club participation, after-school jobs and internships vying for space on most college schedules, students can easily become isolated from the town or city where they are studying.

But Caryn McTighe Musil, vice president for diversity, equity and global initiatives for the American Association of Colleges and Universities, believes students can still be coaxed into serving their communities.

Musil reinvigorated the discussion of town-gown relations in March during a gathering of Mary Baldwin College's Advisory Board of Visitors and Parents Council — two influential volunteer groups that offer guidance on MBC's future.

"It is dangerous for our democracy if we do not educate our students about how to be responsible citizens," Musil said during a day-long symposium that also involved panels of local volunteers, women in local government, and student and faculty representatives of rhe Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership at Mary Baldwin.

Civic concerns have become as important as the traditional academic mission of higher education and must be built into the curriculum to be effective. Musil said. The topic of how to combine service and learning is commanding increasing attention on campuses nationwide.

"It will force some people to change the way they think about instruction and requirements," Musil said, citing as an example a professor she met who taught a course about lead. The class's exploration ranged from learning lead's chemical composition to testing lead levels in a nearby water source. "When students learn it that way, they want ro know everything about the subject." she added.

Musil is also the director of the AACU's Program on the Status of Women, which provides national leadership on issues concerning women in higher education.

Her foundation in women's studies began in graduate school at Northwestern University and continued when she became a faculty member at LaSalle University. Musil was committed to helping LaSalle redefine its mission when the school became co-educational after more than a century as an all-male institution.

Colleges and universities around the nation have responded to a call for civic engagement on campus in myriad ways: Some require community service credits, and others have gone so far as to make community interaction a significant part of basic academic classes.

"I'm delighted that the college wants to form meaningful, lasting, useful connections with the community and that it expects its students to embrace this movement," said advisory board member Judy Mosedale, who is on the staff of the Staunton Performing Arts Center.

Mary Baldwin's efforts at civic involvement are the work of individual faculty and staff members who offer opportunities through their classes or organized activities. Examples include communication students who develop marketing and promotional plans for nonprofit organizations, sociology students who examine behavior while working in Staunton's public gardens and recreation facilities, and a government class that visits the Virginia General Assembly to observe and meet with legislators.

The advisory groups will look at these and other successful programs to move the college toward a more comprehensive approach.

"I am pleased that Mary Baldwin has set this as a priority," said M.

Louise Scott, a member of the Advisory Board of Visitors and former member of the Parents Council. "The desire to involve students exists already. The difference we hope to make is that it will be more intentional and systematic."

Parents Council member Janet Royal said she almost wishes her daughter Jennifer, a senior at MBC, had another year at the school to continue to develop her citizenship skills. "I can definitely see this emphasis used as a way to recruit students," she said.

Also at the meeting, retiring Advisory Board of Visitors member Mary Lewis Hix and retiring Parents Council member Walter Cooner were recognized.

### National Projects Link Education, Engagement

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#### Campus Compact

(www.campuscompact.org) — An organization of close to 850 college and university presidents committed to the civic purposes of higher education. The group encourages students to develop citizenship skills and values and assists faculty who want to integrate public engagement into their teaching and research.

### The Center for Liberal Education and Civic Engagement

(www.aacu.org/civic\_engagement) — A partnership between the AAC&U and Campus Compact, the center was designed to spark and develop new ideas, research and collaborations aimed at campus civic engagement.

#### **Democracy Matters**

(www.democracymatters.org) —
An organization with campus-based chapters around the country that informs and engages college students and communities in their efforts to strengthen democracy.

## Living Shakespeare: Visiting Scholar Encourages Emotion

By Dawn Medley

If you want to impress Tina Packer with your acting, you're going to have to put soul into the lines you're reading from Shakespeare.

The words might sound way too exaggerated, your voice could crack or give out by straining to convey the extreme emotion, and it might not be pretty — at least the first time through — but if you're trying, really trying, to understand what you're saying instead of just saying it, Packer's round, gentiine smile will let you know you've got it.

Students in Mary Baldwin College's unique Shakespeare studies program saw Packer's smile often during her intensive, two-week residency at the college this spring.

Packer's training at the Royal Shakespeare Company, her work as an actor, director and teacher, and her initiative to create Shakespeare & Company — one of the country's most successful performance and educational troupes — "made Shakespeare really belong, for the first time, as much to women as it does to men," said Ralph Cohen, MBC professor of English and executive director and cofounder of Shenandoah Shakespeare.

"She changed the way people think about Shakespeare theatre directors and producers," he added.

Working with students in the advanced acting class of the master's degree program, Packer encouraged them to overact, to move wildly, to breathe, to think about the words — anything to make them feel as if they are living the bard's plays, not simply acting in them.

Packer tried out one of her favorite exercises at the beginning of her second week at MBC: She instructed students to pause and think at the end of each line in the monologues they chose.

"Breathe, Rick, breathe," she

prompted student Rick Blunt while he worked on a scene from Henry IV Part I. His baritone voice boomed from the balcony of Staunton's Blackfriars Playhouse, the only authentic re-creation of Shakespeare's indoor theatre.

Packer's robust British accent answered from the stage: "Breathe and think,' she said, pausing for his line and repeating with increasing urgency: "Breathe and think!"

When Blunt reached the end of the speech, breathless and grinning, he was rewarded: "OK, that's better. Can *you* feel the difference?"

After a round of monologues, students massaged their faces, jaws, and necks, and exercised their voices with a series of moans and groans, forcing them to be uninhibited.

The draw of notable Shakespeare scholars and teachers like Packer gets notice from students.

"She's the reason I took this class," said Angie Barbera, a second-year student in the master of letters program.

Packer is in good company as a visiting artist for the Shakespeare program. Other recent scholars and instructors include Jan Powell, Andrew Gurr and Nick Hutchinson.

Officially named the Master of Letters/Master of Fine Arts in Shakespeare and Renaissance Literature in Performance, the program has full-time faculty and functions in partnership with Staunton's resident company, Shenandoah Shakespeare. Enrollment in the program more than doubled to 40 students in this, its third, year.





Mary Baldwin students directly experienced Packer's teaching and directing prowess, but she is also an accomplished actor, producer, and author. Her second book, published in the spring, is a tool for young readers entitled *Tales from Shakespeare*; she also co-

wrote Power Plays: Shakespeare's Lessons in Leadership and Management.

As the founder, president and artistic director of the Lenox, Massachusetts-based Shakespeare & Company, Packer oversees an education program that reaches hundreds of schools annually, a theatre that produces about a dozen plays a year, and an actor-training program.

The latest project for Shakespeare & Company is planning for an authentic re-creation of Rose Playhouse, the theatre in which Shakespeare's earliest plays were performed.

Still, she is modest about her longlasting influence on students like those at MBC.

"The only thing I can do is to hope to give them the experience of speaking Shakespeare with their whole bodies so that they really feel and embody the words," she said.

"To make Shakespeare live in the present, you have only that one moment to connect with the audience. The audience gets it or they don't get it. I want to show the students how to perform it so their audience gets it."



### A Former VWIL Cadet Opens Up About Flying, Family and Being (Almost) Fearless

By Dawn Medley

Army Capt. Sherri Sharpe '99 knows how to make an entrance.

A cheer erupted from the crowd gathered on the slope above Mary Baldwin's lower athletic field as the Chinook helicopter she pilots — big as a bus, its two sets of long blades churning — appeared, completing its four-hour journey from Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia. Sharpe, a graduate of the first class of the Virginia Women's Institute for

Leadership, has been back to campus several times to talk to students and share her experiences, but, for the spectators, it was her most dramatic arrival.

For Sharpe, accompanied by an allmale crew, the landing was exhilarating but routine compared to the dangerous missions she has flown in Afghanistan and, most recently, Iraq.

The 50-foot, 13-ton aircraft miniaturizes Sharpe's lithe 5-feet, 2-inch frame, but

when she's in the cockpit, it is clear who's in control. "I want to keep flying these things for a long time," she told local reporters that day.

Several days after Sharpe took questions from Mary Baldwin students and staff and curious area residents during her January 22 visit, she reflected on working in a predominantly male field, the difficulty of leaving her new family, and her hopes for future Mary Baldwin graduates.

Sharpe is characteristically modest and unassuming about her accomplishments, which include earning a Bronze Star and two air medals, and she doesn't relish her media exposure — the most notable of which was a feature on NBC's "Today Show." She would be the last person to call berself a hero, but she feels an obvious responsibility to share her knowledge with other VWIL cadets and Mary Baldwin students.

As a woman — and a product of single-sex education — it's important for me to show them that Mary Baldwin will prepare them to be whatever they choose to be, even when that means being successful in male-dominated professions.

The most important thing I want them to take away from my experience is that you can do whatever you want to do—don't stop fighting just because someone says you can't have it. I was initially turned down for my eyesight during the Army's flight physical, but I didn't give up—and look where the fight has taken me. There are probably women in all programs at Mary Baldwin with similar experiences.

Specific to VWIL, I want the cadets to be motivated to push the envelope. Just because the military service or the business arena they choose to enter is and has been dominated by men does not mean they cannot meet that challenge and stand out as a leaders.

The VWIL program is young. As a member of the first class, I feel a great responsibility to reflect the values and characteristics it is meant to instill. I feel the burden of proof lies especially with the first four classes. I hope that any skeptics of the success of the program and what it builds in young women are converted into believers when they see us come back to the school and community.

Sharpe has logged about 550 hours in the air, 450 of which are in Chinooks—the U.S. military's largest belicopter. Although piloting was traditionally viewed as a job for males, she said more avenues are opening for women in combat, and, with that, comes greater responsibility.

There are very few doors still closed to women in the Army. It's a misconception to say that women are not fighting on the front lines today.

I've been to two combat zones and both times I've been in a helicopter coming into and out of hot LZ's [landing zones] at the center of the conflict from Operation Anaconda [Afghanistan,

March 2002] to Operation Peninsula Strike [Iraq, June 2003].

The true heroes out there, without question, are the ones on the ground. Although the infantry, Rangers and Special Operations units are not open to women, every time they need transport to and from the front lines or re-supply or reinforcement deliveries they rely on branches that are filled by women in increasing numbers. Whether you are a medical specialist, an aircrew member, a fueler, a transportation specialist, or a member of the military police — to name a few — you are having an impact on the battlefield every single day, regardless of gender.

I hope my example helps change the minds of people who hold stereotypes, but, if not, the Army dictates that my position is due a certain amount of respect and demands that my orders be followed. I've been lucky to work with a great group of people who have given me opportunities to excel.

I don't believe that Γm where I am because I am a woman or even in spite of it. The leadership around me judges on performance, not on gender, race or religion.

Sharpe married Kirk Leek and began helping to raise his 6-year-old son, Tyler, not long before her first deployment in January 2000. She admits that it is tough to say good-bye to them, and to her extended family, for long periods of time.

You never really get used to it, but I keep a journal on deployments of what's gone on that day or of how much I missed my family, and I write my letters much the same way. I write a few lines a day for a week before I mail them. It's easier to stay on top of it in the beginning than it is as time stretches on.

I'm blessed to have friends and family who are even more diligent than I! Mail tends to take weeks or even months to get back and forth. On our first deployment we were blessed to have significant access to the Internet, but on the second it was harder.

Before I leave, I do my birthday, anniversary and other holiday shopping and wrapping, and I leave the gifts with a friend or another family member to be sure that Kirk and Tyler know I'm thinking of them even if I can't call or be with them on that day. The day I get on the plane, I walk around the house with a sticky pad and leave notes in cupboards and on frozen food and on appliances where I know they won't be found right away but will, I hope, bring a smile when they're discovered!

During Operation Iraqi Freedom, Sharpe shuttled supplies from Kuwait into neighboring Iraq. She volunteered for the dangerous assignment, which sometimes included what she described as her most difficult missions — transporting American soldiers and Marines who were killed in action back from the front lines on "hero missions." That tour was likely not her last, though. She expects to complete an advanced aviation course and be deployed to Iraq again next year. She talked about one of the bright spots during what is often grueling duty.

The most gratifying job for me will probably sound the most inconsequential to people who have never lived in a combat situation.

Delivering the mail is an awesome responsibility. For some soldiers, mail call means seeing their new child for the first time, it means getting a card written by the child who was only learning to trace the alphabet when they left, it means seeing a videotape of their son or daughter's first steps or first words. For a grateful few, it means a complete stranger supports them and keeps them in their prayers and, for many others, that someone cared enough to put together a package of goodies or toiletties for them.

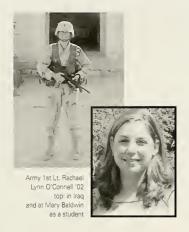
Delivering the mail is never the assigned mission for us, but it is always the add-on that we will make room for on board. The gratitude of those who haven't received mail in weeks is always its own reward.

Sharpe's military service has given her perspective on how her chosen career changed quickly and dramatically as a result of domestic terrorist attacks. She jumps at any chance to interact with MBC's future officers.

Most important, I think cadets with intent to commission in any military program need to be mentally prepared for the state of the world. When my class graduated in 1999, the military was facing far fewer deployments, and I certainly never expected to be at war and to spend 14 out of 19 months deployed to the desert in the fight against terrorism. September 11, 2001, changed all American lives, but it most significantly affected the career paths of those in the military.

The reward of knowing you are making the world safer and the future brighter for your family is tremendous. However, the sacrifice military personnel are making with respect to personal luxuries, freedoms and time with family is definitely something to consider.

### Blood and Sweat — Too Hot for Tears?



In the following account of her tour of duty in Iraq, Army 1st Lt. Rachael Lynn O'Connell '02, a psychology major and former cadet in the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership, writes vividly about the dangers and discomforts of war. She's now executive officer of the 63rd Chemical Company, stationed at Fort Campbell in Kentucky with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). In Iraq, she was a battalion chemical officer, making sure that her fellow soldiers were ready to react to nuclear, biological, and chemical attacks. As executive officer, O'Connell has broad responsibilities that include training, supply, and logistics.

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I thas been almost two years since I departed the nest with wings just strong enough to fly, yet yearning to soar. My travels have brought me to faraway lands, fighting battles, winning hearts, and saving lives. I embarked on this journey 28 February 2003 lacking knowledge in the art of war, yet I surpassed the inevitable as a struggling second lieutenant and conquered many enemies, learning all the while memorable lessons.

I arrived at the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in December 2002 after graduating from the chemical officer basic course in November 2002. After spending three weeks in the 20th Replacement Company impatiently waiting for my assignment, I finally received orders to be the battalion chemical officer for the "Expect No Mercy" 1-101 Aviation Regiment, home to 24 Apache AH-64D attack helicopters.

In the first week of February, the 101st received deployment orders for Operation Enduring Freedom, which developed into Operation Iraqi Freedom one month after our arrival in Kuwait. Staged for a war with Iraq, we spent three weeks at Camp Udairi, a base camp less than one hour from Iraq's border with Kuwait. I was

immediately assigned the additional duty of battalion night battle captain. Army operations were overwhelming to me at first, but I was forced to catch on quickly. After we experienced several Scud missile attacks, it was our time to join the front-line troops in Iraq. On 29 March 2003,

two days after my 23rd birthday, our 150-vehicle ground assault convoy traversed 350 miles of desert and urban conditions to link up with our helicopters conducting deep attack operations.

The aftermath in the 3rd Division's warpath as well as that of the three infantry brigades of the 101st will remain fresh in my mind as a

nightmare — especially the burning enemy tanks and equipment, blood strewn across lanes of the highway, Scud missiles left abandoned on the roadside, mortar rounds exploding a few hundred feet in front of your vehicle while you drove in a "safe" zone, and the hundreds of starving Arab

men, women, and children clawing at you, begging for sustenance in any form. The desperation and poverty struck us, ever altering our perceptions of life.

Desert life was abominable at first. MREs [Meals Ready to Eat: rations] were our only source of food, and

> quenching thirst was impossible in the increasingly hot weather. Cold water was a luxury we could only fantasize about for three long months. Sandstorms ripped through our makeshift settlements. The dust was so thick that breathing became painful. Cleanliness was at the mercy of a few baby wipes or a one-bottle-of-water shower (if you were

fortunate). In August I was blessed, after five months of no facilities, with a shower that actually had hot pressurized water. I could honestly say it was like heaven on earth. We did what we could before hiring Iraqi citizens to build everything and anything we could afford.

August was the hottest month with temperatures reaching 140 degrees in some areas. To help you get a feel for this type of heat, open the oven door when you have it set at 350 degrees or set a hairdryer on high and blow it in your face. That is not even a slight exaggeration of how it felt when you walked outside and the wind was blowing. Then in November came the rainy season, Bitter cold rain, wind, and the mud made life difficult again, but we eventually learned to adapt as we did to the heat. Iraq is far from a pleasant environment, and we often wondered how and why Iragis dwell there.

In late April, my unit came to rest at Oayvarah West Airfield, where we operated for the remainder of the deployment, Local Iragis often launched 107mm rockets onto the airfield in an unsuccessful attempt to destroy our aircraft. The first attack was my closest encounter with death. After the first two rockets hit, which I thought was a material of some sort exploding in a fire pit at a distance, I exited the latrine. I was to witness the third rocket a few hundred feet beyond our ammunition handling area just across the flight line. With nowhere to go but back to my living quarters, a bunker about 100 meters away, I began to sprint as fast as I could to safety. Within mere seconds of my retreat, I heard the approach of a fourth rocket. I froze and dropped to the ground as it whistled and roared over my head, exploding 200 meters in front of me and about 150 feet behind six Apaches closely positioned together.

From April until December, I filled the day battle captain position, controlling split operations as our unit conducted combat missions in support of the 4th Infantry Division in Kirkuk as well as escort missions for the 101st Aviation brigade in Qayyarah West. In July, Division Chemical offered interviews for platoon leaders and the executive officer position for 63rd Chemical Company. I interviewed immediately. In October, I was notified that I had

been selected for executive officer of the company. The 63rd was conducting split operations in Mosul and Tal Afar.

On 20 December, I transferred over to the 63rd Chemical Company headquarters at Saddam's palace in Mosul, only to move a few weeks later to Tal Afar Airfield and join the rest of the company. I immersed myself in unit movement operations to prepare the company for our long-awaited redeployment. A few weeks after my

arrival, the company, as an attachment to 3-320th Field Artillery, departed Tal Afar and began our movement south to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Three days and 750 miles later, we safely arrived in Kuwait with the satisfaction of seeing the black clouds overhead clear to sunny skies and the unbearable weight of our time in Iraq lifted off our shoulders. Crossing that border was an extreme relief to us all, to say the very least. I awaited my flight home in February.

### O'Connell's Advice For VWIL Cadets

- Don't take life for granted. Yes, all of us have heard this before, but trust me, after spending a year away from your country, you, too, would realize what I mean.
- Flexibility is a must to succeed in a military career. Everything changes all of the time, and you have to be willing to adapt quickly.
- Soldiers and noncommissioned officers notice everything about officers, and both will equally criticize your ability to lead.
- After you fall on your face, pick yourself up, brush yourself off, and try again.
- Listen and learn, listen and learn.
- Take chances, take initiative, and make change where you can. There will always be resistance to your ideas, but if there is a better way, go for it. The military likes to stick to one way and doesn't deviate often. Dr. Brenda Bryant says it best in her classes on leadership and change. It really applies out here.
- As women in the military, stand up for what you believe in and be confident. The rest is easy.
- Physical training is extremely important. Whether in garrison or while deployed in a combat environment, you need to be in shape.
- Strive to be the leader you want to be and don't let anyone stand in your way. A positive attitude is key. Soldiers take on your attitude in a heartbeat. You are all a team and need to work together as one.
- My former battalion commander had an acronym that I adhere to in everything I do: CAV-F that stands for Coordinate, Anticipate, Verify, and Follow-up. If you try to answer all of the questions before someone asks you, you will be 10 steps ahead of the game rather than 10 steps behind, and it is truly impressive.
- Network! Get out there; get to know your co-workers, and your counterparts in other units. You can feed off of each other.
- Cherish your time as cadets. The VWIL program will prepare you to succeed in more areas than you can imagine. Despite hardships you may endure throughout your years with the corps, you will realize its worth it in the end.

#### Professor Emerita of Economics Dies at 97 After Brief Illness

Lillian Rudeseal, associate professor emerita of economics, died February 28 after a short illness at age 97. A Florida native, Rudeseal taught at Mary Baldwin from 1938 to 1972 and returned to Gainesville, Florida, after retirement.

Upon her departure from MBC, Rudeseal was presented with the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Non-Student Award. The citation noted: "By her careful guidance, her sympathetic, yet practical approach, her genuine interest and concern for young women, she has set an example that few will be able to follow."

Rudeseal earned her undergraduate degree from Bowling Green College and her master's in literature from the University of Pittsburgh. She also studied at the University of North Carolina and Emory University and was the assistant to

the president of Piedmont College before coming to Mary Baldwin.

#### Humphreys Lecturer: Saving the Dogwoods

Scientist Paul R. Cabe, giving the annual Mary E. Humphreys Biology
Lecture, said his research on the endangered flowering dogwood trees in the southern Appalachians is encouraging.
Cabe, associate professor of biology at Washington and Lee University, said he has observed two conditions working in the dogwoods' favor: Genetic differences are widespread, and genes are transferred frequently by birds that carry seeds from one area to another.

Cabe, who describes himself as a geneticist, ornithologist and ecologist, is an expert on the spread of European starlings in America, the subject of the dissertation for his doctorate from the University of Minnesota. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the College of William and Mary, he is the co-author

of dozens of articles for scientific research publications and earned a Fulbright Fellowship to study DNA fingerprinting of wild bird populations in England.

The Mary E. Humphreys Biology Lecture Series was established in 1992 to bring prominent scientists to the campus to present public lectures. Sponsoring the series are friends and former students of Humphreys, professor emerita of biology, who was a member of the faculty for 25 years until 1968.

#### Cadets Draw Praise In New York Parade

In its first appearance in New York City's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, the Corps of Cadets of the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership at Mary Baldwin was ranked among the best of the military units.

The only all-female cadet corps in the world officially represented Virginia as it marched and played down Fifth Avenue past Central Park and St. Patrick's Cathedral. The event was televised live and drew far-reaching media coverage.

Fifty of VWIL's 140 cadets — the band, Color Guard, and officers — made the trip. Brig. Gen. N. Michael Bissell, the corps' commandant, is working to find financial support to take the entire corps to the parade next year. "I imagine we could really knock their socks off then," he said.

Observed cadet Jessica Mays '05: "The snow was still falling when we began our march down Fifth Avenue and as the band played *God Bless America* and *Rifle Rangers*. General Bissell followed on foot behind the corps and was stopped every few yards by people wondering where the corps was from and complimenting the unit on our bearing and marching abilities."

### Squirrels Rule! (Did Anyone Doubt?)

The Mary Baldwin mascot, frequently a topic of conversation for outside observers and opposing sports teams, has received national media attention.

### **SMA Alumni Pledge Support for VWIL**



Bill Kearns, president of the SMA Alumni Association

The Staunton Military Academy Alumni Association has made a donation of \$20,000 and established an ongoing campaign named the SMA-VWIL Initiative to support the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership at Mary Baldwin College.

"VWIL has become an integral part of the Staunton Military Academy legacy, and we see a need to help in whatever way possible to perpetuate VWIL," said Bill Kearns, president of the SMA Alumni Association. "This

partnership has given our alumni a place on 'the Hill' where memories can be enjoyed, friends and former classmates can renew their bonds, and where those things that represented life at SMA can again be appreciated."

The military academy closed in 1976, and Mary Baldwin College purchased its 35 acres and 14 buildings later that year. The building that houses the SMA/VWIL museum was included in the transfer and was the military academy's supply room.

SMA graduates have long encouraged the leadership program at MBC. They have endowed several scholarships at Mary Baldwin, funded the museum, and sought continued state funding for VWIL by contacting legislators on behalf of the program. The alumni association's board of directors pledged that all money raised through the new SMA-VWIL Initiative — excluding annual dues and contributions made directly to the SMA Alumni Association and SMA Foundation — will go to VWIL operations.

On his show "Only a Game,"
National Public Radio's Bill Littlefield
mentioned the Fighting Squirrels in a
commentary March 20 about unusual
mascots. "If I ever find myself attending a
game involving a team from Mary
Baldwin College, I will root for it," he said.

A Web site devoted to squirrels on college campuses, "Campus Squirrel Ratings" by Jon Gottshall, has drawn additional attention. Recent stories about the site in the Chronicle of Higher Education, the Peoria Journal Star, and the Cavalier Daily at the University of Virginia have spread the word about Gladys and her friends.

### TenBroeck Takes Top Spot In Student Government

After three years of involvement in student government at Mary Baldwin, Victoria TenBroeck '05 of Manassas, Virginia, has been elected the next Student



Government Association president.

TenBroeck said her interest in student politics began when she was elected freshman class president at her high school. At MBC, she began as a senator and then served as SGA vice president and president of the Senate.

"We want to look into promoting women in leadership roles," said TenBroeck, a biology major, referring to the SGA's Women in Leadership forum, first held in March.

She also wants to make the SGA Executive Committee more visible on campus by attending more events together and supporting student activities. This past year, TenBroeck was co-chair of Mary Baldwin's chapter of Colleges Against Cancer and the Relay for Life, and she was a member of the swimming and cross-country teams and the Student Alumnae/i Relations Society.

LaToya Guest, a junior from Baltimore, Maryland, was elected SGA vice president, and Pre-Ah Winters, a junior from LaPlata, Maryland, will be secretary.



Mary Baldwin's Anointed Voices of Praise performing at the Gospel Extravaganza in Staunton, Va.

#### Gospel Group Performs in France

Mary Baldwin's Anointed Voices of Praise is performing in eastern France this summer as part of the French American Gospel Workshop Exchange. The spirited group of student singers was invited to conduct sessions and sing with residents in the Franche-Comté region.

The two-week trip includes concerts in Salines, Ornans and Maiche. Gospel singers from France will come to Staunton in 2005.

### **New Memorial Trees Beautify the Campus**

A new tree, a sweetgum, graces the Frederick Street side of Jesse Cleveland Pearce Science Center.

The addition to the campus was given in memory of Nancy Fearon Rhoades '72, as noted in a plaque at the base of the tree. The plaque also bears a line by English Renaissance poet Edmund Spencer: "The gentle mind by gentle deeds is known." The donor wishes to remain anonymous.

This tree soon will be joined by others on campus. A cluster of trees for Ann Ritchie McHugh '56, given by her estate, will be planted not far from the Rhoades tree. And Cathryn Lampkin '85 will be remembered by Lehndie Rupe Robertson '84 with a tree outside Agnes R. McClung Residence Hall, where they lived as students.



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## Russell Scholar Promotes Growth in Community Ties

By Dawn Medley

Scuffing at a frozen, barren plot of dirt with her boot in mid-January, Susannah Baskervill '04 had no hesitation about envisioning a lush, green vegetable garden teeming with pint-sized horticulturists-in-training from the Staunton school system.

"I should have a camera for before and after shots," she chuckled, pacing off a large rectangle and shivering under her thick parka.

Baskervill was already beginning to realize the opportunity to influence lives that she was given as the recipient of the Margarett Kable Russell Scholarship. The annual award, which carried a \$1,000 stipend this year, gave her the chance to dig deeper into one of her hobbies — and to make lasting changes in a neighborhood outside campus.

The Russell Scholar program was created in 1952 to honor Margarett Kable Russell, Class of 1902, who was appointed in 1933 as the first woman and the first alumna on the college's Board of Trustees, Russell was also the president of Mary Baldwin's Alumnae/i Association for eight years and received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Non-Student Award. Her daughter, Margarett Kable Russell Davis '35, was a student during her tenure on

the board, and her granddaughter, Janet Russell Steelman '52, is a member of the Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors.

Thanks to Baskervill, Russell's legacy of intellectual investigation and service continues.

At the site off Stafford Street — near the Booker T. Washington Community Center where Baskervill recruited young volunteers from an after-school program — she and her faculty advisor for the project, biology laboratory instructor Lori Jones, planned space for carrots, peas, lettuce, potatoes and other vegetables while snow lingered nearby.

Baskervill, an Honor Scholar at MBC and a recent inductee into Phi Beta Kappa, said she will measure the project's success "not in the quality or quantity of the vegetables grown but in the impact it has on the community and the children. It is my vision and hope that this garden lasts beyond my graduation and develops into an oasis for the community."

Staunton City Horticulturist Holly Chichester helped Baskervill find a temporary spot for her garden and will work to move it to a larger, permanent

location where residents and the city can maintain it. Chichester hopes Baskervill's effort will spark residents to take pride in the city and interest in creating beautiful, productive spaces.

"She was the catalyst for a project that I have wanted to start for a long time," Chichester said. "I needed some inspiration and someone to take the initiative and Susannah stepped up and made it happen."

Baskervill's work as a Russell Scholar mirrors that of her mother, Pamela Shell Baskervill, who was selected for the Russell Scholarship as a senior in 1975.

"Susannah's project is like mine in many ways," Pamela Baskervill said. "We both chose to explore something completely out of our majors, and the projects involved working with kids and getting out into the community."

Susannah, an international relations major, remembers her introduction to gardening with

her grandfather and older sister by her side. The family tilled a vacant lot beside their house and grew sunflowers and vegetables. "We still talk about that little garden," she said.

Susannah learned more while working on a farm in Stawley, England, during the summer between her junior and senior years at Mary Baldwin.

Her mother was a political science major who wanted to delve further into her interest in music therapy. She worked with local children — primarily those with cerebral palsy — by

beating drums, clapping cymbals and chiming triangles while they read books and learned lessons. Her theory was that they would comprehend better with the aid of musical notes and songs.

"Although I didn't pursue music therapy as a career, the Russell

project was an amazing outlet for my interest in a hobby and public service," said Pamela Baskervill, a Petersburg, Virginia, Circuit Court judge.

Over 51 years, Russell Scholar projects have spanned disciplines from researching biochemical reactions to creating plays and musical compositions to conducting community outreach.

As the most recent Russell Scholar, Susannah Baskervill hopes her project has strengthened ties between the college and the city.

"If the garden provides the community with a small haven or escape, a sense of pride, a way to connect with the earth, or just a relaxing hobby, I will certainly consider it a success," she said.

### Scholars Speak

"Years later when my husband and I were teaching anthropology at St. Andrews Presbyterian College [North Carolina], I happened to mention my project to someone in the English Department who asked if I would lecture to his class on the subject."

MARTHA SINGLETARY MARKS '63, program assistant for the Arts and Humanities Institute at the University of North Carolina, on her project "The Theme of Death in 15th Century Literature"

"It is easy to get caught up in the academics and campus life when you're in school, and this was a really good opportunity to do something outside the campus. The project definitely influenced me to want to do more community-based work. I felt like what we did there was one of the brighter spots in the children's day."

> — DANICA JAIMISON '95, executive director of the Stainton-Augusta Arts Center, on her project that brough after-school art classes to a housing development in Stainton

"The Russell Scholarship epitomizes the best of what Mary Baldwin has to offer by giving a student the opportunity to explore an interest — even if it's outside her major — with professors who guide her through the classroom part and practical application."

PAMELA SHELL BASKERVILL '75,
Petersburg, Virgmia, Circuit Court judge,
on ber project "Teaching Mentally
Retarded and Emotionally
Disturbed Children Through Music"



#### James' Book Explores Renaissance Masters

Mary Baldwin's Sara Nair James, associate professor of art history, often gets reactions to her license plates. Once, while at a gas station in New Jersey, the attendant asked her what the word on her plate meant to her. "Years of work," she said. "What does it mean to you?" Replied the attendant: "My people are from there."

The plates say "ORVIETO," a small city in central Italy that has been the focus of James' scholarly research for much of her professional life. The result of that study: her recently pub-



lished book, Signorelli and Fra Angelico at Orvieto: Liturgy, Poetry, and a Vision of the End of Time.

James' book explores and explains the frescoes in

the Chapel of San Brizio in Orvieto. The large-scale artwork includes scenes from the Apocalypse, including the only known mural depiction of the Antichrist, and others from poetry, including that of Dante and Ovid. Described by James as "cross

disciplinary," the book examines the art in the context of the Renaissance, considering theological and literary impact on the frescoes. It also explores how Luca Signorelli and his predecessor Fra Angelico influenced later great Renaissance artists like Michelangelo.

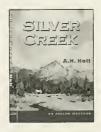
James leads May Term trips to Italy, where she conducted research at Orvieto's library and climbed a scaffold in the Chapel of San Brizio during a restoration of the paintings.

— Lantana Hoke '04

### Western Novels a Good Fit For Versatile Anne Haw Holt '89

In a genre long dominated by men, Anne Haw Holt '89 has earned recog-

nition and respect. Her first novel, the western *Silver Creek*, was recently published by Avalon Books. A graduate of Mary Baldwin's Adult Degree Program, Holt



attributes much of her confidence and skill as a writer to her experience at MBC.

"I'm certain every course I took in college affects my writing," Holt says.

"I'm proud to say that I graduated from an all-women's college. It reinforces my natural independence." Holt doubts that she would have had the confidence and skills necessary to become an author without her undergraduate degree. "It takes a lot of nerve to send a manuscript to a publisher," she says.

Holt says that writing has "been critical to every job I've ever done." Besides completing another Western novel, *Kendrick*, to be published this year, she hopes to have published a collection of her poetry. She is also preparing a book with a professor at Florida State University about grant writing, "My life is writing," she says.

Of her choice of genre, Holt says that Westerns are a natural for her. "I write what I love to read. It's just that simple. I love a straightforward story with a strong hero, male or female, a clear beginning, a definite middle and ending." She credits her father with introducing her to Western novels at an early age.

Holt says the feminine aspects of her writing show through in her "treatment of relationships" in her stories. "My heroes think as well as act, and I create strong women in my stories," she says.

Born in Richmond, Virginia, and raised on a farm, Holt says that she was "certain I would grow up to be a cowboy." She says "we cooked on a wood stove at my house until I was a grown girl," and her family owned horses and cattle. Holt also draws inspiration from friends, family, and other books and authors, including Zane Grey and Emerson Hough.

Billed as an "an old fashioned western with a little mystery, a little romance and lots of fast-paced action," Silver Creek has been hailed by critics as "a good old-fashioned western" and an "exciting but believable Western adventure with wonderful characters." Silver Creek was "begun on impulse and just grew," says Holt. "Until now, I always considered myself a poet."

After graduating from Mary Baldwin, Holt earned her master's degree in historical administration and public history from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida, where she is a candidate for a doctorate in history. Besides completing her dissertation on the development of the Florida prison system, Holt plans to continue to write Western novels. "Writing is and always has been a part of every thing 1 do," she says.

- Lantana Hoke '04

### English Professor Edits Virginia Poetry Collection

Sarah Kennedy, assistant professor of English at Mary Baldwin College, has helped edit a collection of contemporary poetry published recently by the University of Virginia Press, which describes it as "broad and various as Virginia itself."

The book, Common Wealth: Contemporary Poets of Virginia, was published September 30 and is also edited by R.T. Smith, editor of Shenandoah magazine, based at Washington and Lee University. The book features such poets as the former U.S. poet laureate Rita Dove, Nikki Giovanni, Dan Stryk, Ross Taylor, and Charles Wright.

Kennedy, an award-winning poet, is the author of *Double* 

Exposure, Flow Blue, and From The Midland Plain.

#### Wells' Latest Book Focuses on Musicians

John D. Wells, professor of sociology, recently produced his third book in

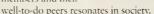
two years. Bent Out of Shape From Society's Pliers: Readings in the Sociology of Popular Music is a collection of his conference presentations on musicians such as Bob Dylan, The Doors and Bruce



Springsteen. The compilation follows two novels by Wells that explore societal norms and pressures; *The Barfly Boys* was released in summer 2003, and *The Plague Year* came out in May 2002.

The Barfly Boys is a fictional account of a Charlottesville rock-and-

roll band called Mean Streets. Although the members and their obsession with the 1987 film Barfly are strictly from Wells' imagination, he said the struggle between band members and their



"We have elements of a caste system here in America," Wells told Staunton's *News Leader*. "It's difficult to overcome the class you came up in."

Also a fictional story set in Virginia, *The Plague Year* highlights a college's attempt to cover up the motivation for firing of an HIV-positive faculty member and chronicles the social descent of a student infected with the virus.

Wells, a professor at Mary Baldwin for the last 25 years, is rewriting his doctoral dissertation as a book. The paper compares two literary periods — the 19th-century Bohemian era in France and the American beatniks of the 1950s.

- Dawn Medle

#### Appalachian Studies Inspire ADP Student's First Book

The seed for the first and recently published book by Donia Eley '02, Willard Gayheart, Appalachian Artist, was planted during her classes at Mary Baldwin College's center in Roanoke.

A combination of a biography of Gayheart — a Galax, Virginia, artist — and a collection of dozens of his pencil drawings, Appalachian Artist is the ninth



book in the series Contributions to Southern Appalachian Studies by McFarland & Company of Jefferson, North Carolina.

As an Adult Degree Program student, Eley flourished in courses taught by Ann Alexander, director of MBC's Roanoke center and professor of history who specializes in Virginia history, history of Appalachia, and African-American history.

"That class was a turning point for me as far as declaring a major," Eley said in an interview with *The Galax Gazette*. "None of the traditional majors appealed to me."

- Morgan Alberts Smith '99

#### Alumna's Memoir Earns Mississippi Book Awards

Ruth Tuttle Williams' novel Younger Than That Now: A Shared Passage

From the Sixties garnered the top nonfiction award from the Mississippi Library Association last fall.

Williams attended Mary Baldwin for the 1969-70 academic



year and earned a bachelor of fine arts at the University of Tennessee in 1972. She co-wrote the book with Jeff Durstewitz in 2000.

Younger Than That Now tells the story of the pair's unusual North-South friendship — which began with a letter in 1969 — and their realization of the uncertainty of life as they near 50.

People magazine dubbed the book a "small masterpiece" and "a tell-all memoir ... as involving as any celebrity exposé." The book also received the Mississippi Institute of Arts & Letters Nonfiction Award in 2000.

Williams just completed work on her first solo book, White Girl, and writes a column for the Jackson Free Press from her home in Flora, Mississippi. She devotes most of her time to writing but also helps her husband with Williams & Williams, the advertising agency they started in 1978.

- Dawn Medley

#### **Book Explores Tales About Staunton**

Did you know that the first American soldier to be decorated for heroism in World War I was a Staunton resident? Or that a silent two-reel comedy was made in the streets of the city, using residents as stars? Or that the world's first jointed, artificial limb was invented by a young Civil War amputee living just outside the city?

These and many other stories about Staunton are in a new book by Charles Culbertson, a 1986 graduate through the Adult Degree Program. Staunton, Virginia: A Treasury of Historic Tales is a collection of 35 stories by the author, two of which focus on Mary Baldwin lore.



"Mary Julia and the General" tells how Mary Julia Baldwin kept Yankee soldiers away from college supplies of food and firewood during the Civil War. "Mary Baldwin's Hidden House" recounts the discovery — during renovations to McClung Residence Hall in 1998 — that the building had been constructed around another building. The "other" building turned out to be Mary Julia Baldwin's original residence called "Brick House" and was covered over again as renovations were completed.

- Dawn Medley



READERS OF THIS MAGAZINE sometimes ask us what members of the college's faculty and staff are reading — dare we say, for fun? From time to time, we'll find out and let you know.

Nearly three years ago, not long after he became dean of the college, Jeffrey L. Buller started the Faculty/Staff Great Books Discussion Group at Mary Baldwin. He was inspired by his experience at his previous institution, where he says he found that these informal, periodic gatherings "encouraged faculty members to experience the joy of discovery as students again, to discuss topics outside of their individual areas of specialty, and to gain respect for different points of view suggested by their peers." At Mary Baldwin, he included staff and decided to conduct as many of the discussion groups as possible in the college's regional centers in addition to the main campus.

Buller says the only criterion for selection of a book is that "it should have some degree of enduring significance, to have stood the test of time, rather than being a recent publication or a work limited to current perspectives only." The books are proposed by Buller, faculty, and staff. "The goal," says Buller, "is to mix works of fiction with major books on science, culture, and religion, and to include at least one non-Western book each year." A different member of the faculty or staff leads each discussion.

The books discussed so far: James D. Watson, The Double Helix; The Rig Veda; Toni Morrison, The Bluest Eye; Virginia Woolf, A Room of One's Own; Willa Cather, A Lost Lady; Mikhail Lermontov, A Hero of Our Time; Jane Austen, Pride and Prejudice and Northanger Abbey; Viktor Frankl, Man's Search for Meaning; The Dhammapada; Helen Keller, Story of My Life; Albert Einstein, The Meaning of Relativity; Zora Neal Hurston, Their Eyes Were Watching God; William Faulkner, Absalom! Absalom!; Kate Chopin, The Awakening; Rachel Carson, Silent Spring; Thomas Kuhn, The Structure of Scientific Revolutions; Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, The Last Man; Albert Camus, The Plague; Alice Walker, The Color Purple; Confucious, The Analects; W.E.B. Du Bois, The Souls of Black Folk; Niccolo Machiavelli, The Prince; Maxine Kumin, Selected Poems; The Koran.



# Michelle Hess Discovers America (Or Is It the Other Way Around?)

By Dawn Medley

If you want an honest opinion about something — almost anything — ask Michele Hess '04, but be prepared to hear comments that are insightful, witty, and purposely unedited.

"Sometimes people think I am rude because I'm so upfront with them," says Hess, whose hint of an accent in her nearly perfect English is the main clue to her German origin. "I think that is the biggest difference between the culture I grew up in and the one here. I'm not intentionally mean, though; I'm intentionally honest."

Hess enjoys her status as the sole full-time undergraduate student from Germany: "A lot more people know who I am who probably wouldn't otherwise." On the back of her residence hall T-shirt is "The German."

"I want to bring across an understanding of the culture to my

friends so they can understand who I am and why I do things the way I do them," she says. "It gives them a wider perspective on the way people act in other parts of the world."

Born and raised in Bad Homburg, a city about the size of Staunton near Frankfurt that is sought out by tourists for its natural springs and a hillside castle, Hess began her American education with a year at Stuart Hall, the preparatory school in Staunton. Relatives living nearby in the city made Mary Baldwin a natural choice for college.

"Pretty much up until I left, I thought I was going to college in Germany," she says. "But I have found my independence here. I realized, too, that there was no degree in graphic design where I would have attended university in Germany. I probably would have done something

that would have been considered more practical, like interior design or architecture."

As an art major emphasizing graphic design, Hess chose to create a photographic calendar for the college as her senior project. She hopes to work at an advertising company designing logos, letterheads, and promotional brochures — either in America or back in Europe.

"It is a big deal to me to be able to make enough money to support myself," Hess says. "My education here has covered a lot more topics than I probably would have been exposed to in a more careerfocused German university. I feel confident knowing that, even if I don't find a job in my major field, I will be able to find work doing something that will allow me to stay independent."

#### faculty and staff highlights

Gordon L. Bowen, professor of political science, appeared on public television WVPT's "Virginia Tonight" February 11.

Jeffrey L. Buller, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college, gave a presentation entitled "Siegfried: The Wurm Turns" to the Wagner Society of Washington, D.C., January 22. His article "Tips for Conducting Effective Faculty Evaluation Sessions" appeared in the winter 2004 edition of The Department Chair. Buller has been named president of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South. He will plan the association's annual meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, in April 2005, supervise other activities promoting the study of classics, and deliver major addresses on the importance of classical civilization to modern life.

Crista R. Cabe, associate vice president for institutional advancement, was named vice president of the College Communicators Association of Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Douglas E. Clark, vice president for enrollment management and student life, is the new vice president for student enrollment at Peace College in Raleigh, North Carolina. Brenda Bryant, director of WVIL, is acting vice president for enrollment management and student life.

Mary Hill Cole, professor of history, gave a presentation at the Library of Virginia in Richmond entitled "Elizabeth I: Daughter, Woman, Queen" February 3. She also led two sessions on "The Personal World of Elizabeth I" for the MBC Alumnae/i Association's Continuing Education Experience March 13 on the main campus in Staunton.

Keli Diewald, director of residence life, received a service award from the Southeastern Association of Housing Officers for 2004

Carrie Douglass, associate professor of anthropology and Spanish, gave the paper "Low Fertility and the Creation of 'Self'" at the Southern Anthropology Society in Atlanta, Georgia, March 18–20. She is also the chair of the Mooney Book Prize, an award given at the conference to the outstanding book recently published on an anthropological topic relevant to the South.

Robert Grotjohn, associate professor of English, recently had three articles published:
"Remapping Internment: A Postcolonial Reading of Mitsuye Yamada, Lawson Fusao Inada, and Janice Mirikitani" in the fall 2003 issue of Western American Literature; "Out on the Rim: Four Korean American Poets" in the fall 2003 issue of The Virginia Review of Asian Studies; and a review of Suji Kwock Kim's Notes from the Divided Country, in the winter 2003 issue of Shenandoah.

Sara Nair James, associate professor of art history, was in London in January to do research on the Tudors, English royal architecture, and tomb monuments in Westminster Abbey. February 18–22 she attended the annual meetings of the Italian Art Society and the College Art Association in Seattle, Washington.

Fay Collier Kelle, assistant professor of education for MAT in Richmond, appeared on "Virginia Currents," a Richmond, Virginiabased television program, February 19. She was on a panel for a discussion titled "The SOL Question: A Virginia Currents Special," which aired on public television in Richmond and Charlotresville

Daniel A. Métraux, professor of Asian studies, was appointed by the Southeast Chapter of the Association for Asian Studies to be the editor of its journal, Southeast Review of Asian Studies, for a four-year term. His article "The Soka Gakkai in Australia" will be published in the July 2004 issue of Nova Religio. Cathy Ferris McPherson, associate professor of business administration, created and led a workshop on internal branding for a group of college students from all over the United States January 13. The students were participants in an annual workshop, sponsored by the Martin Agency in Richmond, to expose them to advertising as a career.

At the annual Association for Practical and Professional Ethics conference in late February, Roderic L. Owen, professor of philosophy, was the respondent to a talk given by psychologist Howard Gardner. Gardner spoke about his latest book, co-authored with two others, Good Work: When Excellence and Ethics Meet.

Ed Petkus, associate professor of business administration, presented the paper "Teaching Marketing as a Liberal Art?" as a finalist for the Teaching Innovation Competition at the Society for Marketing Advances meetings in New Orleans last November. Petkus also presented a paper, "Experiential Marketing in the Arts: Theory and Application," at the Decision Sciences Institute conference in Washington, D.C., last December. His article. "Enhancing the Application of Experiential Marketing in the Arts," was published in the International Journal of Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Marketing.

Peggy Perozzo, assistant professor of physics, was published in the February 1 issue of the Journal of Chemical Physics. She was one of seven authors of a study entitled "Laser control of product electronic states: Desorption from alkali halides." Her contribution to the research was conducted at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Washington, during summer 2002.

Associate Professor of Art Paul Ryan reviewed the exhibition "Articulated Spaces: Paintings by Creighton Michael" in the January/February 2004 issue of Art Papers magazine.

Sharon Spalding, associate professor of physical aducation, presented "Physical Activity for Cadets in the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership" at the National Conference on Girls' and Women's Health, Physical Activity and Sport, February 6 and 7 in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Amy J. Tillerson was named history instructor at MBC and director of the new, federally funded Institute for Decisive Events in American History based at the college. She has bachelor's and master's degrees from Virginia Tech and is a Ph.D. candidate at Morgan State University in Baltimore.

Laura van Assendelft, associate professor of political science. attended the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association January 7-10 in New Orleans, Louisiana, She was on the executive council for the event, chair of the SPSA Committee on the Status of Women, and chair of the panel "Playing Politics: Implementing Active Learning Strategies in the Classroom." While there, she attended the Women's Caucus business meeting. Van Assendelft also attended the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association Committee on the Status of Women January 26 in Washington, D.C. She reviewed Mary Anne Borrelli's book The President's Cabinet: Gender. Power, and Representation in the December issue of Perspectives on Politics

#### Retirements

Ellen Holtz '60, coordinator of financial aid for the Adult Degree Program and graduate studies, retired in March after 48 years at Mary Baldwin. Holtz started at the college as a day student in 1956 and began working in the admissions office soon after graduation. She also served as admissions.

counselor and as assistant in the registrar's and financial aid offices.

Stevens Garlick, professor of German, after 20 years.

William Little, associate professor of social work, retired last fall. He came to Mary Baldwin in 1973 to create and direct the social work program, and he worked for many years as a family counselor

and a professor. Little earned degrees at East Carolina University and Virginia Commonwealth University. He said he measures the social work program's success by the increasing numbers of students enrolled and the news he gets from graduates about their acceptances to graduate school or new social-services nositions.

#### She's PEG-ged Her Interest

By Morgan Alberts Smith '99

Jill Urquhart '98, associate director of admissions for the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted at Mary Baldwin, is leaving her post to enter the Ph.D. program in educational psychology at the University of Virginia.

Urquhart has received a graduate assistantship to work on a project providing mentoring to inner-city children and funded by the Jacob K. Javits Giffed and



Talented Students Education Grant Program. The project, started by Urquhart's advisor at the university, Mary S. Landrum, an associate professor at the Curry School of Education, is called LOGgED On: Learning Opportunities for the Gifted Economically Disadvantaged It matches, online, inner-city children in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Baltimore interested in science and math with mentors in those fields.

Urquhart and Landrum will monitor the students' progress, follow up with software in classrooms, and line up the mentors. Children and their teachers are taught how to use the Web so the students can contact their mentors.

Urquhart's main interests of study are the social and emotional growth and development of gifted students. Where do they go once they get to higher education? How are they treated? What is available for them? How do they go on to succeed? Working in the PEG Center has let her see the effects of education on young college students who bypass high school. She has observed the emotional and social structures apparent among the gifted young women.

Said Urquhart: "Why did I choose this area of study? Because I seem to have a connection with gifted students. Dr. Landrum believes that I have the ability—that I can make a contribution to the study of gifted students. She has opened the door for me."

#### **Garlick Makes the Most of His Stages**

By George Graves

Whether he's teaching German, German history or singing Gilbert and Sullivan, Stevens Garlick is a performer with plenty of fans. Now that he's retiring after 20 years in Mary Baldwin's Adult Degree Program, most of them in the Charlottesville

regional center, he plans to dedicate more time to his lifelong pursuit of music. He will be professor emeritus and teach at MBC part time.

Garlick, who knows his way around a violin and a piano, continues to study voice. His latest instructor is Sandra McClain, adjunct associate professor of music at MBC. Garlick also has taken voice lessons in Germany, and he specializes

in German lieder, giving solo recitals of the songs in this country and abroad. He has appeared in operas, and since college he has had nearly a dozen bass-baritone roles in Gilbert and Sullivan's light operas, including several performances in MBC productions.

Garlick gave a recital — his "swan song," as he called it — at Mary Baldwin in late March, teaming up with McClain and others. Among the pieces on the program was one by Antonin Dvorak, the 19th century Czech composer. Garlick is serious enough about his music to have studied Dvorak in the Czech Republic, to have learned some Czech, and to make a big concession: on concert day, to rest his voice, he does his best to talk as little as possible.

Music is a preoccupation, too, for Garlick's wife, Nancy. She teaches clarinet at the University of Virginia and plays in groups in the area, including the Albemarle Ensemble, which she co-founded. A native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Garlick has

long been associated with respected liberal-arts institutions as teacher and student. He earned his undergraduate degree at Harvard, his master's and doctorate at Stanford.

In coming to Virginia and Mary Baldwin's Adult Degree Program, Garlick had to make the transition from "standard liberal-arts undergraduate teaching" to combining instruction and

advising — for older students—and bearing some responsibility "for revenue and numbers. You can't live in the ivory tower."

As for the students, who typically work and often have families and other commitments, "the highs are higher, the lows are lower," he says.

"You get some marvelous students. You also have disappointments" — good students who drop out, at least for a while, because "their lives intrude."

Observes Garlick: "You have to come to terms with the fact that your influence isn't as great as you want it to be sometimes." But, he says, "when the student's will is there, we can usually find a way. The greatest reward is people who hug you when they graduate and say they couldn't have done it without you."



# A True Scholar-Athlete Hits a Home Run

By Dawn Medley

T THE BEGINNING OF THE SPRING SEASON, Jordan Armstrong '04 was determined to propel the Mary Baldwin softball team to the top of the Atlantic Women's Colleges Conference.

Armstrong didn't set the goal simply because it was her last year to play at Mary Baldwin. She didn't want a successful season just because the team was heartbreakingly close to winning it all last year. Although the basketball team's trip to the NCAA tournament a few months earlier inspired her, Armstrong's desire originated long before MBC's appearance in the national sports arena.

Armstrong and the softball program grew up together. Softball made

its debut as a varsity sport the year she entered MBC. As she grew into leadership roles, softball earned recognition with success on the field. She is the only player with four years' experience on the

team.

"I would have played softball whether or not it was a varsity sport, but the fact that it was elevated to that status and that the school had completely re-done the field made me take it more seriously," Armstrong said.

In it first official season, in 2002, the team posted a 3–23 overall record, but Armstrong's talent shone through and she was named to the

all-conference team. The tem improved to 16–20 in its second season and lost just one conference game — to Hood College. Armstrong

would have been kidding herself if she didn't admit that she was at least a little worried it would happen again.

Growing up in Selma, North Carolina, Armstrong began playing softball in recreational leagues as a young girl. Although she was not a member of her junior high or high school teams,

she wanted the sport to be a major part of her college life.

"My spring semester revolves around softball practices and



Jordan Armstrong '04



'Her stats don't always end up in the box score or the highlights of the game. You have to be there to see the true impact of her skills and determination.'

games," she said. "It forces you to really manage your time. I even convinced the professors and the other people in my senior seminar to reschedule the class so I wouldn't have to miss it when the team had to leave early for away games."

Almost immediately after starting to play at MBC, a painful, chronic elbow condition worsened to the point where Armstrong could not throw effectively from her first-base position. She settled into a new slot at third base, where she matured into a team leader, said Head Coach Christy Shelton '87. She was a team captain her junior and senior years.

"Each year, you could tell, she got a little more vocal and communicated better," Shelton said. "Since she has been on the team from the first year, other players look to her for direction."

A broken toe sidelined Armstrong for several games her sophomore year, but she wasn't content to sit out for long. "It hurts a little to play with an injury, but it hurts more to sit on the bench and not be able to play," she said.

Armstrong adopted the same attitude for campus activities outside of sports, holding leadership positions in several. She is a member of the Student Alumnae Relations Society and spent her senior year as chair of the college's Honor Council. Armstrong also chairs the MBC Student Athletics Advisory Council. She is an Honors Scholar at MBC and was recently inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.

"You couldn't ask for a better

student, athlete, and leader," Shelton said. "Her stats don't always end up in the box score or the highlights of the game. You have to be there to see the true impact of her skills and determination."

The conference title game pitted MBC against Hood College again this year, but this time the Fighting Squirrels didn't let the championship slip away. After Mary Baldwin won

the first game in the series against Hood, Armstrong hit a home run in the ninth inning to give them the second and clinching win.

Just before she headed for the plate, "one of my teammates told me to have fun out there," Armstrong said. "I knew it was all down to me, but that's what I did. It was almost like this was a movie script written just for me."

### That Championship Season

Just four years after entering the Atlantic Women's Colleges Conference in varsity softball, Mary

Baldwin College earned its first trip to the NCAA tournament after winning its first conference championship.

The team was seeded first in the conference tournament and beat Chatham College and Chestnut Hill College to meet the Blazers



of Hood College in the title game. Mary Baldwin won the first game 9–8 in the best-of-three series but fell behind in the seventh inning of the second game. Hits by Tiffany Morris '06 and Jessica Brown '07 rallied the Squirrels to within one run. A two-run homer by team captain Jordan Armstrong '04 cleared the fence and earned the 5–4 victory. The Squirrels finished the season 21–17, the team's best record.

Freshman shortstop Mina Uejima of Gose City, Nara, Japan, was unstoppable in her first year on the team. Uejima earned MBC Athlete of the Week for her dedication in starting 17 consecutive games. She recorded an on-base percentage of .554 and a batting average of .444. At the time, Uejima had also stolen 10 bases in 10 attempts and led the team in assists with 37. Head softball coach Christy Shelton '87 called her a "defensive specialist" for the team in addition to her hitting.

The team lost in the NCAA tournament but "knows now we can play at that level," said Shelton.

# MBC HIGHLIGHTS

### Basketball Earns Spot in Tournament

The Fighting Squirrels earned MBC basketball's first trip to the NCAA Division III tournament with a conference championship, beating Hood College, the top team in the Atlantic Women's Colleges Conference.

"The game was everything a championship should be," said coach Jackie Bryan.

But in the tournament, the players succumbed to the pressures of being on the road — and competing in the biggest game of their college careers. Senior Lynn Malone led team scoring with 11 points and fellow senior Lateasha Armstead added nine points and 10 rebounds, but the team shot just 26 percent from the floor. The team was eliminated from the national competition in a 101–51 loss March 3 to Tennessee's Maryville College Lady Scots.

Despite the loss, Mary Baldwin ended the season second in the conference with an 11–3 record and 19–9 overall. Four players were named all-conference: Maneisha "Moe" Hardy, first team; Katrina Scruggs, second team; and Melissa Conyers and Lynn Malone, honorable mention. Conyers was also named rookie of the year, and Bryan, adding to the team's recognition, was chosen coach of the year.

### Hardy, Malone Tally 1,000 Career Points

Most Mary Baldwin basketball seasons pass without a single player reaching one of the sport's enduring benchmarks: 1,000 career points. This year, for the first time, two did.

Senior Lynn Malone sank the basket that put her among an elite group of shooters in the Fighting Squirrels' 103–58 win over Chatham College February 24.

A week earlier — in a game against Southern Virginia University — Malone's roommate, senior Maneisha "Moe" Hardy, drained a shot from behind the arc that set her career scoring at exactly 1,000 points.

"It's never been a competition," said Hardy, a 5-feet, 3-inch point guard. "I thought some of my teammates would get there before me, actually."

The team averaged more than 75 points per game this season, in the top 20

among Division III schools.

"It's just awesome," said coach Jackie Bryan. "It feels good to see this team and these individuals be so successful."

Hardy and Malone are the fifth and sixth MBC players to reach 1,000 points. Gayla "Goldie" Dodson '84 holds the scoring record with 1,331 points. Dodson is followed by Nina Mouzone '01 with 1,123 points, Christy Shelton '87 with





Lynn Malone

1,061 points, and Kim O'Donnell '82 with 1,005 points.

Hardy finished the season with 1,081 points and Malone with 1,065.

Scoring more than 1,000 points capped a successful four-year career for Hardy and helped earn her the honor of being named Mary Baldwin's 2003–04 Athlete of the Year. The award recognizes a senior who has excelled in athletics, shown outstanding leadership, and achieved academic success.

A computer information systems major, Hardy started in more than 90 games at MBC and broke two college records — for career assists and steals. She was named to all-conference teams three of her four years and was as high as second in the conference in scoring.

#### Freshman Swimmer Fenner Propels Team into Second Place

The Fighting Squirrels swim team capped off its 2–2 season with a second-place fin-

ish in the Atlantic Women's Colleges Conference championship at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland.

Winning their events were freshman Shona Fenner in the 400-yard intermediate medley



Shonna Fenner

and the 100-yard backstroke, and the 200-yard freestyle relay team of Fenner,

Kathryn Spicer, Reiko Ishikawa and Jennifer Carman. Senior Jennifer Kukla joined Fenner, Carman and Spicer on the winning 400-yard medley relay team.

Fenner, AWCC Rookie of the Year, was named to the all-conference team. In her first meet, Fenner set an MBC record in the 200-meter breaststroke with a time of 2:25,37.

Ishikawa, Kukla, Carman, and Spicer were also selected for the all-conference team.

Coach Amy Darby '92, a member of the 1990–91 swim team, was honored as AWCC Coach of the Year.

#### Volleyball Team Aces National Ranking

Junior Ryanne McCarraher ranked 13th in the nation for serving aces in Division III volleyball. The business administration major from Richmond, Virginia, recorded 98 aces in 95 games.

McCarraher led the Squirrels, which finished the season sixth in the nation for serving aces. In 100 games, the team had 403 aces.

#### Championships Coming to MBC

MBC will host two Atlantic Women's Colleges Conference championships in 2005. Basketball games will be held in March and soccer will follow in November.

Conference championship sites rotate among the eight colleges in the conference. Hosting the events will give Mary Baldwin players home advantage and a chance to show off the school and the athletic programs, said MBC Athletics Director Donna Miller.

#### Fencing Team Takes Third in State Tourney

Mary Baldwin's fencing team earned some respect in the state tournament this spring.

The team placed third, as did two of its members — Pam Gullickson '05 in épée and Valia O' Donnell '06 in foil — in individual competition.

Fencing is a club sport at MBC. Elizabeth Fulton '03, who fenced as a student, now coaches it. Also assisting are Valerie Gangwer, director of audio-visual services for the college library, and seasoned fencers and instructors Carl and Jessica Knoch.

### **Students Compete in Golden Gloves Boxing**

By Dawn Medley

ancing around the ring at the Staunton Boxing Club, Amy Swope '06 pounds her coach, Bruce Frank, with a choreographed round of rapid punches on the pads he wears on his hands.

Without bulky gloves and padded helmet, Swope, slight of frame, her nails manicured and her makeup evident but subtle, offers no hint that she's a Virginia amateur boxing titleholder.

That's the way she likes it.

"Almost everybody who finds out I'm a boxer has that initial reaction like 'She's kidding, right?' "said Swope, who, at 5 feet, 2 inches, usually competes in the 125-pound class. "My actions in the ring are the best way to prove I'm serious about it."

Swope picked up the sport just two years ago and claimed the title of Virginia state champion of the United States Amateur Boxing Association this winter. She was one of three Mary Baldwin students who weighed in for the first time at the Virginia Golden Gloves competition March 13. The state organization is an affiliate of the national amateur boxing league that has produced champions such as Joe Louis, Sugar Ray Leonard and Evander Holyfield and now claims more than 22,000 participants.

Although none of the Mary Baldwin athletes got to throw a single punch — there were no other women registered to fight in their weight classes — the three automatically advanced to Golden Gloves sectionals in Norfolk later in the spring.

Swope admits that boxing is not usually the sport of choice for women. After seeing a demonstration at the Staunton Boxing Club with her brother during her first year at Mary Baldwin, she was hooked.

"I was really interested in the intensity it had, how the athletes pushed their limits," said Swope, an ROTC member who jogs regularly, does strength or aerobics workouts a few times a week, and attends boxing practice each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. When preparing for a big competition, she steps up her workouts, and, she admits, she sometimes has to cut back on sweets and starches to drop a few pounds.

"Fighting is not the hard part," said Swope "It's all the work leading up to it. I want to find my absolute limitations. In the ring, it basically comes down to who has the most heart."

In addition to her initial interest,



Swope found inspiration as a boxer in an unlikely place — a book. She poured over Joyce Carol Oates' *On Boxing* and understood well the author's explanation of the basic differences between male and female boxers.

Her professional role models include former Golden Gloves champion Oscar de la Hoya, who went on to become a world professional champion, and Laila Ali, daughter of Muhammad Ali.

Since Swope started at the Staunton Boxing Club, a few other Mary Baldwin students have become regulars. Junior Kate Melson and senior Amy Anthony have been boxing for several months.

Club coach Bruce Frank initiated nights exclusively for women to encourage them to develop their skills. Of about 20 regular participants at the club, five are women, he said.

"A lot of women see boxing as an alternative to going to a health club," Frank said. "They like it because they can take it to any level. They can aspire to win titles or just use it as a way to get in shape. If I had a choice, I'd have a team that is all women. They listen closely and really study their technique."

Swope balances her boxing regimen with a full course load and two jobs.

"It's worth going through all of that to be able to box," she said. "I've gained so much confidence in myself. I think most people here are looking to define themselves, Boxing is helping me do that."

#### Self-Defense Syllabus

Mary Baldwin offers a course in self-defense, worth one-half semester hour of credit as part of the physical education curriculum. Taught in 2003–04 by Patty Davis — a coilege employee in the business office who is a certified self-defense instructor and a black belt in karate — the course includes learning the basic punches and kicks for defense and how to escape from an aggressor's hold.

Davis and her sister and colleague at Mary Baldwin, Sue Williams, also attended Rape Aggression Defense training in September and are certified instructors in the RAD system, self-defense taught exclusively to women.

"One of the most powerful things that we came away realizing is that you never know when you will be put in that kind of situation," Davis said. "Anybody can be a victim," Williams added.

The pair held a RAD course for faculty and staff in the fall and hopes to offer another. They would like to make RAD a regular offering at Mary Baldwin and open classes to all students. James Madison University has a RAD-based class and is willing to share equipment such as striking pads and attack-simulation gear with the college

RAD focuses on preventing an attack through personal awareness and community vigilance, but it also involves a heavy physical component, Davis said. The program was conceived in 1989 by former police officer and U.S. Marine Larry Nadeau. More information is available at <a href="https://www.rad-systems.com">www.rad-systems.com</a>.



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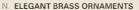
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# Laughing, Learning Highlight Alumnae/i Weekend



By Dawn Medley

Have you ever wondered what college life was like in the Renaissance? Do you know how reconstructed facades transformed Staunton's main street into a historic showcase for the city? Would you like to know what the inside of the MBC president's house looks like after its renovation?

After their weekend at Mary Baldwin's Continuing
Education Experience, nearly 130 alumnae felt more
informed about these topics and a host of other academic and leisure activities. During a daylong
series of classes in March, returning gradu-

ates chose activities ranging from music of the Renaissance to marketing to yoga and Pilates.

President Pamela Fox kicked off the event with a talk about the college's emerging strategic plan, and visitors were encouraged to take in Shenandoah Shakespeare's performance of *King Lear* at Blackfriars Playhouse. The group was also treated to a performance at lunch by the student gospel group Anointed Voices of Praise.

Eight women reflected on their return to campus for the weekend, which centered on the theme: "recharge your mind, relax your body,

renew your spirit."

#### Ethel Smeak '53, professor emerita of English

I had a blast! There were classes with the best teachers, food to die for, and, best of all, plenty of time for fellowship. On this weekend, alums of all ages came, from Eleanor Jamison Supple '42 to Drew Jacobus and Vicky TenBroeck, both in the class of 2005. It was a time to visit with good friends and get to know interesting alums I had never met.

And, for those who fear the hills of MBC, fear no longer. There were shuttles to all parts of the campus so those of us who need to can walk on pretty flat ground!

#### Sue Warfield Caples '60

The weekend provided a "time out" for me. It was a few precious days to relax, to learn, to reflect, and to enjoy briefly the connection with a place where my important growing-up years were spent. Mary Baldwin has become a strong and enduring thread in the fabric of my life. Marriage, family, career and frequent relocations followed my MBC days. It is the place I can return to that is a constant — changed but not changed, and where I feel connected and confirmed.



#### Ann Gordon Abbott Evans '65

Interacting with students was such an important part of my weekend. The members of the Student Alumnae Relations Society worked hand in hand with the alumnae/i board to make the weekend a success. Sunday's brunch with the STARS allowed all of us to talk informally about all aspects of college life at Mary Baldwin. The dining hall was filled with laughter as the STARS presented skits about MBC's past and present traditions.

#### Elizabeth "Betty" Swope '66

The overall theme was a an appropriate mix of intellectual and experiential sessions. Another reason participants deemed the conference important was the opportunity to reacquaint oneself with students who were at Mary Baldwin at the same time we were but who were not from the same class.

#### Katherine "Kathy" Smallwood '75

What better way to renew our ties with the college, enjoy a stimulating group of alumnae and activities, share the vision of our new president, and still have a wonderful time visiting with a special group of close friends and classmates.

The weekend served as a clear reminder of why we had chosen Mary Baldwin years

ago. The varied educational opportunities, the diverse nature of our alumnae and current student body, and the charming town of Staunton combined to make our class of '75 mini-reunion a special occasion.

#### Frost Burnett Telegadas '83

Meeting students for brunch on Sunday, I was struck by the fact that I am now the "Old Lady" spinning yarns of the bygone era for current students. My tales are of Sunday parties with beer and a band, seated dinners served by Eta Betas, and a time when Apple Day was a surprise, not a planned event listed on everyone's October calendar. The "Old Lady" stories when I was a student were about mandatory chapel, dress codes and covered walkways to keep students warm and dry on their way to class.

It seems that so much has changed, yet there is still enough common ground to enjoy shared experiences and a love of the college and the type of person it helps build.

#### Kellie Wamer '90

As a student, I knew that we had a remarkable faculty. This weekend, I was once again reminded just how honored we are to have professors of such an extraordinary caliber. I now have a more mature perspective that recognizes that they are not only exceptional

educators, but that they themselves are students who continue to have a passion for learning and growing.

Dr. Fox's address Friday night was a highlight of the weekend. It is obvious that, in a very short period of time, she has grasped the essence of Mary Baldwin College. In spite of constant challenge, we have thrived as a traditional yet innovative institution.

#### Emily Oehler '93

Of all the things we put off in our lives, it's often easiest to put our closest friends behind — behind family, behind work, behind errands, behind travel, behind any excuse we can find that falls under the category of 'life.' My weekend reminded me that of all the things we go through in life, 'the girls' should come first. The classes were fun, interesting, and intimate as always, but it was the lesson of friendship that earned the 'A.'

We were together for almost exactly 24 hours. I don't think we could have packed one more minute into that time — one more minute of laughter, one more minute of embarrassing stories, one more minute of teasing, one more minute of luss, one more minute of hugs, one more minute of advice or one more minute of pure joy.

# Thanks

Don't forget: Mary Baldwin will waive the application fees for prospective students referred by alumnae/i. Does your neighbor have a daughter in high school? Is there a member of your church who might be a candidate for admission? Let us know about the fine young women in your area. Look for referral cards in this magazine or go to our Web site <a href="https://www.mbc.edu/alumnae">www.mbc.edu/alumnae</a> and click on Student Referral Form.

Mary Baldwin College thanks these volunteers for their assistance with college fairs this past spring:

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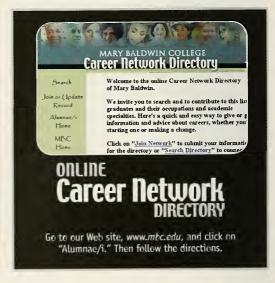
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Sally Armstrong Bingley '60
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Karen Colaw Linkous '87
Kelly Reese '01
Amanda Davis '02
Cindy Thomas Booden '03
Jenna Wood '03
Nastacia Kelly '07

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Send changes to alumnae@mbc.edu.
And thanks!



Dear Friends.

This is my last letter as president of the Alumnae/i Association. It has been a great privilege to be entrusted by the Board of Directors to fill that role. I am proud of the goals completed during my term of office but recognize that not a single accomplishment is mine alone. Each objective that has been met is the result of the contributions and hard work of many individuals. I have been surrounded by experienced leaders in the Office of Alumnae/i Activities and dynamic, committed members on our Board of Directors.

We have held two healthy conferences for our alumnae/i. As a result of superior work done by the staff and all of our board members, alumnae/i of all ages returned to campus to be renewed in mind, body and spirit. We know from their positive evaluations that they look forward to ongoing opportunities such as this in the future.

Other business of the association has included the ongoing refinement of our bylaws and improving the nominating process. We have expanded our mentoring program for new board members and strengthened our process for identifying alumnae/i award winners. Our Marketing and Sales Committee has shown an outstanding increase (400 percent!) in Gift Shop sales during the last two years. This is important because the dollars we earn are used to fund special projects around the campus.

An important personal goal of mine was to attend planned events around the country and meet with our alumnae/i to share the good news of our college. How much I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet you and visit in your communities. I am in awe of your love for our college and the personal accomplishments that you have shared with me. Each of you truly embodies the idea of taking Mary Baldwin's success personally!

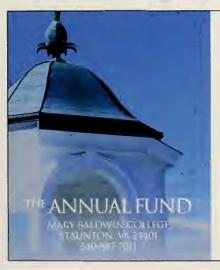
In July, Ann Gordon Abbott Evans '65 will have the honor of guiding the association for the next two years. She is a remarkable woman and a fine leader. She becomes the president of our alumnae/i group at a most exciting time as President Pamela Fox and the college community begin to implement the new visions for Mary Baldwin.

With warm regards,

Suj Mchlowell Trketlock

Sue McDowell Whitlock '67





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# class notes

#### 1937

JANE MATHER Parish of East Dennis MA writes: "Glad to be in good health and alive at 87 years."

#### 1938

OPAL NEWTON Garrett of San Antonio TX writes: "Mostly I enjoy visiting our three daughters and their families. Two are in Houston and one is in Canada. Also enjoy some weekends at our lake home." Opal and husband Oscar celebrated their 65th weeding anniversary in April.

#### 1940

JEAN BAUM Mair of Bloomfield CT continues to reside at Duncaster Continuing Care Facility. She writes: "I'm reasonably active but counting my pennies more closely as time goes on. I loved the annual giving brochure that showed Memorial and Hill Top. I keep it at the foot of my bed."

MARY VAN ATTA Derr of Boulder CO writes: "My husband Vernon E. Derr died last July, and I am busy getting my life together. My three children have been a great help. I continue to work on my arthritic knee and hobble around with my walker. Old age seems to come at an inconvenient time!"

#### 1941

HARRIET ANGIER Kuhn of Newton NC moved to Abernathy Retirement Center in November 2002. She writes: "My son lives in my former home in Conover NC. I attend Beth-Eden Lutheran Church, visit a nursing center, play bridge every Thursday, attend exercise sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and play duplicate bridge every second Friday."

MALVINE PAXTON Graham of Pulaski VA fell last summer and broke her hip and leg. She spent July and August in the hospital and is "mending at home" while learning to walk again.

#### MARY "TOMMIE" THOMAS

Moorhead of Lynchburg VA writes: "At the age of 85, I was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and am totally dependent on a walker for help getting around."

#### 1942

#### MARY BARTENSTEIN Faulkner of

Fredericksburg VA writes: "I am caring for an 84-year-old woman full time. Her memory has become so short, she forgets the name of the person whom she has just met. Thank goodness I can laugh at her and fuss at her. I am sure that all of you my age know who "she' is!"

#### HANNAH CAMPBELL Boatwright of

Newport News VA writes: "My son Wes was concerned about my living alone and would have liked for me to move to Washington D.C. where he and his wife live, but we both realized I would be leaving my friends of the last 44 years. So, I moved to The Chesapeake, a Baptist retirement community where I have a good-sized apartment. It was the right decision and, fortunately, I could bring my 19year-old cat Billy with me. He was an indoor/outdoor cat, so now he has to adjust to going out on a leash and is doing quite well. It's also nice that there are about a dozen people from my Hidenwood Presbyterian Church who were already living here when I arrived. We are all still active in our church and its activities. I'm in good health and still play tennis twice a week - doubles, of course, which surprises people when they find out my age: 81!

PEARL EPLING Culp of Salt Lake City
UT has lived in California during the winter months since 1968. She writes: "I
still keep in touch with a few Mary
Baldwin friends. 62 years since I graduated — I can't believe it!"

#### MARGARET MCDONALD White of King William VA writes: "Still a church organist and continuing to work at our two funeral homes since retiring from

teaching in 1975."

MARY SIMPSON Bailey of Columbia SC writes: "Still healthy and happy at

# 82, thank God." 1943

Caroline Hunt of Dallas TX was honored by The Family Place of Dallas with the Trailblaser Award in 2003, and by the Junior League of Los Angeles with its National Lifetime Achievement Award in Merch 2004.

**SALLY WHEAT Porter** of Haverford PA writes: "Enjoying my community living here at The Quadrangle. I'm still painting and attending a wonderful Bible study."

#### 1944

#### VIRGINIA "GINNY" GOCHENOUR Reid of Staunton VA writes: "On my

Reid of Staunton VA writes: "On my 45th year as a church school teacher at First Presbyterian Church. I still enjoy my rose garden. I've met Dr. Fox and think she's a good match for MBC."

LAURA MCMANAWAY Andrews and husband William of Des Moines WA are planning to move into Wesley Homes, a United Methodist retirement community, Laura writes: "Downsizing after 52 years is a big job, but there are many friends there and we're going to enjoy it. Enjoyed the latest magazine you sent!"

#### 1945

#### MARY "PHYLLIS" COX Whitmore

likes living in Lexington VA. She writes: "Thanks for all my training at MBC. I have been able to be involved in many activities."

#### 1946

HELEN BLACK Sinnott moved to a new home in Portsmouth NH in February. She writes: "Very happy up here. I'm closer to family."

BEVERLY "JANE" DARDEN Britt of Mt. Airy NC celebrated the birth of first great-grandchild Andrew McNeil Hopkinson June 6, 2003. She writes: "His grandmother Beverly is my daughter. The parents, Heather and Steve Hopkinson, both teach at New Bern High School in New Bern NC, where they reside. My youngest son William Darden Britt and his wife notified us of our first great-grand-daughter's arrival October 30, 2003. Her name is Alexis Marie Britt. The family lives in Chesapeaeke WA."

# GLADYS MCMANAWAY Poindexter of Winston-Salem NC writes: "I had a wreck and broke my back in August, right after another medical mission to Lithuania. Went to Honduras on a medical mission in February and March"

MARGARET "PEGGY" MILLER
Reynolds of Gettysburg PA writes:
"I'm still active in garden club activities and am a master flower show
judge emeritus. I am also a past president of The National Society Colonial
Dames XVII Century (Maryland).
Enjoying travel and staying at our
time shere condominiums in Hilton
Head SC."

#### 1947

#### HARRIETTE "HAPPY" CLARKE

Thome of Darien CT says she enjoyed visiting canyons in their snow-covered beauty in January. She also visited with sister MARGARET "MAGGIE" CLARKE Kirk '48 in Durham NC and

with other southern relatives in "Dixieland."



ELIZABETH "BETTY" BOYER Bullock '56 enjoyed a week of sailing in February with three classmates on the Royal Clipper, a five-masted sailboat. Soaking up the sea and sun are (I to r) MARY "SUSIE" PRIESTMAN Bryan, Betty, ELEANOR REYNOLDS Henderson and SUSAN "SUE" DOZIER Grotz



VIRGINIA "GIN" GONDER O'Neill '66 married Tom O'Neill December 21, 2002, at the home of her father Richard Gonder This family wedding photo shows (front row, I to r) Tom, Gin, (back row, I to r) son Kirk, stepson Chris, and dauchter Sadie.

MARGUERITE GASTON Garrett of Lufkin TX writes: "My husband and I sailed in January to ports in the Caribbean. We take care of our granddaughter, 9, while her mother works. It's a challenge but also fun."

MARIANNA JAMISON Leach of Leesburg VA was diagnosed with an advanced case of lung cancer in April 2003 — "quize a shock since i'm not a smoker" — but recently learned that, after treatment, "I am cancer free — such great news Thanks for all the prayers and to God for my healing" She thinks the cancer may have been caused "by the environment!"

#### 1948

BETTY "JO" BALES Gallagher of Richmond VA produced a video featuring Syngman Rhee and the plight of North Korea. She writes: "A good resource for all church school classes and groups, ecumenical and secular"

BETTIE BARNETT Lombard of Tucson AZ celebrated her 53rd wedding anniversary in Hawaii in April. She writes: "If any classmates come to Anzona, please call!"

BETSY BERRY Williamson of Richmond VA stays busy "Water aerobics for arthritis, caretaker for husband using a walker, playing lots of bridge, and teaching 2-year-olds at Sunday school."

BETTY GASTON Patton of Morganton NC writes. "Frank and I married three years ago and recently had a good trip on the Queen Elizabeth from England to Florida We stopped in Cherbourg, France, Madeira; and Tenerife, one of the Canary Islands.lt was a fun trip!"

MARTHA GODWIN Saunders of Suffolk VA reports that she and husband Curts are well and happy The couple moved into a cottage at Lake Prince Center, a retirement community, a year ago.

JANE HAMMOND Jervey of Columbia SC continues teaching Spanish as an adjunct professor at Midland Technical College

JANEY MARTIN Tanner writes: "Jim and I live a quiet, peaceful and happy life in the beautiful horse country of Ocala FL. We are reasonably healthy for old guys and still playing golf I think of MBC and my classmates often"

#### 1949

CARRIE "JACKIE" HAM Tarkington of Staunton VA writes: "I'm now a greatgrandmother to a precious baby boy named Lee Victor Cox, born June 11, 2003."

#### 1950

ANNA "ROSE" CACCIAPAGLIA

Peduto and husband Edward of Norristown PA are enjoying their retirement. She writes: "Our four sons and their families came home for a Thanksgiving reunion in 2003".

#### MARY HORTON Waldron of

Gaithersburg MD celebrated her 75th birthday this past winter. She writes: "I'm beginning to realize how much time has passed. What a wonderful life!"

MARY MATTHEWS Park of Norfolk VA moved into a condominium.

#### MARILYN SIMPSON Williams of

Montgomery AL writes: "Ben and I celebrated our 50th wedding annuversary June 3, 2003. It was a family affair. We took all 18 of us to an Alabama resort for a long weekend. It gave us the opportunity for the siblings to visit and the eight grandchildren to get to know each other better."

ANITA THEE Graham of Columbia SC enjoyed meeting Mary Baldwin President Pamela Fox in April She writes: "In January, Larry and

MARTHA MCMULLAN Aasen '51 were in Columbia We had a fun evening and were joined by CHARLOTTE "CHAR" JACKSON Berry '51 and her husband Joe."

#### 1951

WILMA HODGE Obaugh of McDowell VA is enjoying returement and spending time with 10 grandchildren. She writes: "Visited RUTH DE GRAFF Condra '51, my MBC roommate, in Wilmington DE last fall. ANN DEATON Fendrick '51 and husband Jim visited with me on their way back to Ohio from their vacation. They're retired with three grandchildren. She's still beautiful."

#### 1952

MARGARET "PEGGY" MOORE

**Ripley** enjoyed the Mary Baldwin gettogether to meet Dr. Pamela Fox at Baltusrol Golf Club in New Jersey

DOROTHY SMITH Purse writes "Enjoying living in Dallas. Two daughters live here, and one is not far away I have three grandchildren attending Texas A&M University and one still in high school. Time spent at church and with a women's PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization)."

JANE WOODRUFF Lucas of Charlotte NC celebrated the birth of her ninth grandbaby. She writes: "Everybody is doing fine I'm still reliving the happy memories of our 50th reunion!"

#### 1953

SUE MCMANUS of Penney Farms FL writes: "I've relocated to Penney Retirement Community which was established by Mr. J.C. Penney. It is like a small village with homes and apartments, boycles, golf carts and walkers. Many retired ministers and missionaries. A beautiful spirit is here."

MARILYN MYERS Lee of Largo FL writes: "Bill and I continue to enjoy our life in sunny Florida Our daughter Lyn lives in Wimberley TX with her husband and four children. Our son is in Austin TX, and our adopted daughter Ana and her two children live close by in St Petersburg".

JO ANN THACKER West of Roanoke VA writes: "On June 1, 2003, my husband of 47 years died after a brief illness. It has been a very difficult adjustment for me. However, I have been so busy learning to manage my affairs. I have little time to think"

#### JO ANNE VAMES Stamus of

Roanoke VA enjoyed her 50th reunion in May 2003. She writes. "I hope I can attend our 55th. Enjoyed meeting Dr. Fox and her husband Dan in Roanoke this past fall."

#### 1954

ANDREA BETHEA Shepherd of Atlanta GA was excited to attend her 50th class reunion at Mary Baldwin in May

VIRGINIA EVERSOLE Herdman of Houston TX writes. "We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with a formal dinner and dance at the Petroleum Club of Houston. It was a special noth!"

#### JEAN FEAR Clements of

Martinsburg WV wirtes: "I've lived here for 20 years and love it I've met wonderful friends and do many things in the community. I'm a member of a woman's club, garden club, RE.O., and a bridge group. I have seven grandchildren who live within two hours from me. My husband died eight years ago."

ELIZABETH "WIDGEE" SWITZER Zirkle of Harrisonburg VA enjoyed attending her class reunion in May. ELEANOR "LEE" YEAKLEY Gardner of Bellievue WA traveled to Staunton this spring to visit her 92-year-old mother and the Mary Baldwin campus. She reports that granddaughter Mellina graduated from the University of Washington in June, and grandson Kyle and her older son Brian work together at H.O. Sports. She writes: "Kyle's wife Ann works for Tectura. Brian and Lane's sons Bryce, 6, and Trent, 4, are growing fast. Our daughter Cyndi is earning her master's in education and teaches second and third grades."

#### 1955

MARY "KEMP" JAMISON Clarke of Riverside IL says she's trying to stay Impber to keep up with her nine grandchildren. She regrets not being able to attend Mary Baldwin's Continuing Education Experience in March.

#### 1956

SUSAN ANDES Pittman of Raleigh NC writes: "Getting old(er) is not for sissies! Life is good, and there is still much to see and learn."

ELIZABETH "BETTY" BOYER Bullock of Rotonda West FL enjoyed a week of sailing in February on the Royal Clipper, a five-masted sailboat. Joining her were friends and '56 classmates SUSAN "SUE" DOZIER Grotz, ELEANOR REYNOLDS Henderson, and MARY "SUSIE" PRIESTMAN Bryan along with Sue's husband Art and another friend. Betty writes: "We visited several islands in the Windward Island group, but perhaps the highlight was being in full sail under all 42 sails! Sitting on the bowsprit netting and watching about 50 dolphins playing in front of the ship as she sailed wasn't too bad either. When on St. Kitts, we had a grand time riding a train with an enclosed air-conditioned lower deck and an upper deck that was open to

the sea breezes. Another fun thing we did was to ride through the rain forest in a cable car, then up to a suspension bridge, which we walked across. Coming back down, the cable car went over the rain forest so you got quite a different view of it. We also took a 4x4 tour of St. Lucia and, of course, never to be forgotten, had gelato ice cream cones on the lies des Saintes. Triple scoop anyone? The food on board was also very good, and a wonderful time was had by all."

BETTYE HURT Ingram of Harian KY says that volunteer work in the community keeps her and husband John busy. She writes: "We took a two-week trip to Alaska in August 2003. It was great!"

#### KATHERINE "KATY" KELLER

Maultsby of Burlington NC writes: "Still enjoying travel, especially to hear our daughter sing I also love being with our eight grandchildren. I continue to work occassionally in the Health Care Center at Elon University."

ELLAWELLS "DUTCHIE" MILLIGAN Williams of Matthews NC recently celebrated the birth of her ninth grandchild (five boys and four girls). She writes: "All but one live near us in Charlotte. We are truly blessed!"

#### 1957

PAULA BRANCH Holt of San Francisco CA writes: "Working for a Ph.D., for fun, and continuing my practice of psychotherapy."

ELIZABETH "BETSY" CRAWFORD
Robbins of Eagles Point OR writes:
"Our children have all graduated from
colleges in this part of the country and
live out here, so our interests are in this
area. I still enjoy reading about MBC
and all its accomplishments."

FRANCES "FRAN" WILLS Delcher of Baltimore MD writes: "So sorry to have missed my 48th I Health problems, including a heart attack. But we're terrific now, enjoying our beautiful grandsons: Josh, 8, and Jake, 6. Best wishes to all!"

#### 1958

MARY "MARY SUE" GOCHENOUR Fowlkes of Richmond VA writes: "Same old things. I enjoy church work, book and stock clubs, the yard and wonderful neighbors. Hope I can stay right here!"

CAROLYN GRIFFIS Smith of Frederick MD writes: "George is semi-retired, and I'm babysitting on Mondays and Fridays. Jack, 3, and Anne, 1, are adorable and a real handful!"

MARTHA THULIN Leynes-Selbert of Powhatan VA writes: "Fully retired from hospital work. Now I have time for grandchildren, training my horses and competing in judged trail rides."

NANCY WILLIAMS Deacon of Waynesboro VA enjoys playing with her five grandchildren.

#### 1959

ANN GORDON BAGWELL Hunt of Halifax VA is enjoying her retirement from teaching.

LOUISA JONES Painter of Harrisonburg VA moved into a large counseling office at 4B1 E. Market Street in Harrisonburg, where she has a holistic counseling practice.

CARLANA LINDSTROM Lane of Pascagoula MS writes: "We have five grandsons, ages 3 months to 9. We travel as much as possible — last year to Turkey and this year to Israel, Jordan, and Panarna (to watch our son take his sailboat through the canal)."

#### 1961

SUSAN ELY Ryan of Albuquerque NM writes: "My darling husband Charles died in April 2003 after a two-year battle with cancer."

PATRICIA "PATTY" LIEBERT Riddick of Yorktown VA stays busy traveling and doing volunteer work. She writes: "I spent two weeks in England and Scotland in June 2003, along with my husband Larry and my roommate BARA WILLIAMS Craig '61 and her husband. Larry and I spent Christmas 2003 in Stuttgart, Germany, with our son and his Family."

#### 1962

MARGARET "PEGGY" SAUNDERS Hayes of Hampton VA stays busy with family, friends, exercise and church.

PENN WALKER Flournoy moved to Atlantic Beach NC and recently celebrated the birth of her first grandshid. She enjoys playing tennis and bridge, and traveled to South America in late winter.

#### 1963

LYNN BUTTS Preston of Boulder CO enjoyed a visit last Christmas from classmate SUE JORDAN Rodarte of San Antonio TX.

MELISSA KIMES Mullgardt of Fenton MD writes: "We moved into a new home after 34 years in a century-plus home."

SHEARER TROXELL Luck of Ashland VA writes: "In September 2003, our fourth grandchild was born, In April 2004, our fourth child was born, In April 2004, our fourth child was married. In between, BECKY CANNADAY Merchant '63 and I traveled to Death Valley and hiked before meeting LYNN BUTTS Preston '63 to kayak the Colorado River in Arizona with an Elderhostel group. Jack and I visited our son and his family in Oregon, and in March traveled to Panama. Busy but happy!"

#### 1964

MARY ANN APPLEBY Marchio of West Simsbury CT writes: "I fulfilled a lifelong dream and went with four friends to Africa in March of last year. It exceeded all of my expectations and was an adventure of a lifetime."

**BEVERLY ESTES Bates** of Richmond VA is happily expecting the arrival of her first grandchild (a boy).

STEWART FAIR Barbour of Yazoo City MS writes: "We are enjoying four lovely granddaughters. They help with my Welsh ponies!"



Over last Thanksgiving holiday, 1999 classmates (I to r) AIMEE HERRERA Kozick, IANA PHILLIPS-Quigley, "LEE ANN" WILLIAMS, TIFFANY RICHTER and HEATHER FARIS had a "good times outing" at Tyson's Corner II and FAO Schward.



Best friends and '01 classmates (I to r) KRISTIN MRAZIK Cole (U.S. Army) and MEGAN "WENDY" FOSCUE Armstrong (U.S. Air Force), both first lieutenants, spent a few hours together in Afghanistan to mark Kristin's birthday.

NANCY KAPP of Pierre SD was called to the position of "solo pastor" at Oake Presbyterian Church in Pierre

NANCY ROWE Hull of Darmstadt-Eberstadt, Germany, writes Enjoying life in Germany, where I have lived since 1998 with the second love of my life, a retired professor of electro-mechanical engineering with more hobbies than time (Super 8 films. DVDs. model aircraft, chess) My 31-year-old health publications business (Pritchett & Hull Assoc Inc in Atlanta GA) is still going strong under new ownership as of 2003 I'm excited about our new president Pamela Fox and look forward to continued news through the Mary Baldwin College Magazine"

E. "BYRD" WILLIAMS Abbott of Charlottesville VA continues to love her career of 22 years as a real-estate broker. She says she has "three beautiful granddaughters"

#### 1965

SUSAN BROWNE Webb of Covington VA opened a business called Art on the Floor in Lexington VA with husband Fred and son Will, selling Persian rugs and offering home consultation, delivery and shipping. She writes: "It's wonderful to be in Lexington again, where Fred and I dated for four years while I was at MBC and he was at W&L. We love having our business on Main Street." She hopes any alumnae living in Lexington or passing through will come to her shop at 16 North Main and say hello. Susan also reports that Margaret Bailey of Oklahoma City, great-granddaughter of Rufus Bailey, recently died. Susan enjoyed visiting Margaret when she and Fred lived in Oklahoma

#### DEBORAH "DEBBIE" BULKLEY

Fairley writes: "We love our move to Punta Gorda FL I'm very involved in the Peace River Wildlife Center, a rehabilitation center for native wildlife We have birds on display, including eagles, sandhill cranes, etc. I've created classes for children and am looking forward to expanding our education program."

DIANE COOPER Byers of Weaverville NC writes: "I have five granddaughters and one grandson, and I am expecting another grandson in June! I retired from teaching at the end of this school year."

**JUNE EARLY Fraim** of Oakton VA announces the birth of a grandson in April 2003.

MARIAN GORDIN of Atlanta GA rode BRAG (Bicycle Ride Across Georgia) 423 miles in 2003 She writes: "Turned 60 in April with numerous celebrations Active as a lay reader and lay eucharist minister at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Atlanta:"

## Graduates Honor Professor in Spain

By Dawn Medley

All that a group of alumnae really wanted to do was reunite and have dinner with a former professor — in Spain. It was a long way to go for a dinner date, but not too much to ask of 15 graduates who went to Madrid in April to honor Dorothy Mulberry, professor emerita of Spanish and international studies.

Mulberry was the founding director of the Mary Baldwin Academic Year in Madrid program, which often provided life-changing experiences for students who participated between 1962 and 1975. She also served as dean of the college from 1975 to 1980 and is an honorary alumna of the college.

"It was a program that is worth bragging about," Mulberry said about the study abroad year in Madrid. While in the city, the group visited four of its former professors from the International Institute in Spain, where the MBC program was housed. Mulberry had not seen many of the attendees since graduation — 30 to 40 years ago.

"It felt so wonderful being there," said Sara Jane Hartman '65, one of the organizers. The group reminisced about the junior or senior year abroad as a way of thanking Mulberry for developing the program. "The professors were all so touched that we remembered them and looked them up."

Hartman and other alumnae/i are creating a scholarship fund in Mulberry's name.

Harriet Lane Cordero's participation in the program in its final year had more impact on her life than she could have imagined. Cordero, Class of 1975, met her husband on the trip and later worked in international banking.

"She demanded the best of us," Cordero said of Mulberry. "Our reward was to go to Spain and live what she herself loved so much."

Hartman's life changed, too, after studying in Spain. She joined the Peace Corps and spent several years in Chile.



Dorothy Mulberry, professor emerita, (second row, third from right) and friends, family and former students



"Being together again, I think we realized that the program was unique and it influenced every student," she said. "It directly influenced the choices in my life."

Meredith Carter Patterson, Hartman's classmate, said her love of Spain and its language spilled over to her daughter, Jill. "The pebble dropped in the pond has far-reaching ripple effects," said Patterson, referring to her daughter's work with Campus Crusade for Christ at the University of Granada.

Laurent Boetsch, a Spanish professor and former provost at Washington and Lee University, was a junior at Washington and Lee when he was accepted into the Madrid program in 1967. The program was primarily open to MBC students, but Mulberry allowed students at other colleges to participate.

"It turned out to be a life-determining experience that has shaped almost everything I have done since, from marrying an MBC graduate (Elizabeth Lamar Boetsch '69) to getting a doctorate in Spanish to teaching and now to working in an important new phase of international education," said Boetsch, who is on sabbatical leave in Madrid as a visiting professor in the Hamilton College Academic Year in Spain.

"As a professor, I know that nothing is quite as gratifying as the recognition of former students," he said. ANN MEBANE Levine of Atlanta GA retired after 23 years of working at West Virginia University. She writes: "I've relocated from Morgantown WV to Atlanta where my daughter Cindy, her husband and two children live. I love being near my grandchildren, ages 3 and 3 months. I'm looking forward to reconnecting with Atlanta friends. I lived here over 30 years ago!"

#### MELANIE WALTHALL Chambliss of

Prattville AL married Bobby A. Chambliss in 2002 and has five grand-children. Melanie retired from teaching in May, and son Tedford Taylor married in June

#### 1966

#### JULIE BLANCHARD Batchelor of

Evens GA writes: "I'm still teaching in the Georgia public school system. I have three grandchildren — one who attends my school. What a treat!"

LUDMILA "TINA" BRATINA Bums of

Shepherdstown WW writes: "I'm enjoying the grandmother phase with three wonderful granddaughters living in nearby Winchester VA. I work as the human resources director of a health center where I frequently have occasion to speak Spanish in communicating with patients and staff."

#### BETSEY GALLAGHER Satterfield of Lewisburg WV writes: "Bill and I are enjoying grandson Riley, 3, and are excited for our daughter MARY

"POLLY" SATTERFIELD Smith '92, who had identical twin girls: Julia Ellynn and Lauren Elisabeth, born January 16, 2004. More MBC potential!"

VIRGINIA "GIN" GONDER O'Neill of

Nags Head NC married Tom O'Neill December 21, 2002, at the home of her father Richard Gonder. Other family members attending the wedding included Gin's son Kirk, daughter Sadle, and stepson Chris. The couple celebrated their first anniversary at the beach and enjoyed eating the top layer of their wedding cake. Gin writes: "It was the best cake I've ever tasted."

ELIZABETH "PAGE" JONES Glass of Grimstead VA retired in 2000 after 34 years of teaching. She writes: "Moved to Gwynn's Island VA a couple of years ago and traveled on a power boat doing The Great Circle. I left the Chesapeake Bay in June 2003, traveled up the Inland Waterway and across the Erie Canal, the Trent-Severn Waterway in Ontario, Lake Michigan, the Mississippi River, the Illinois River, and the Tennessee-Tombigbee." Page completed her trip traveling from Lake Pontchartrain in New Orleans back to the Chesapeake Bay this spring

#### MARY WALKER RAINER Eanes of

Greenville SC writes: "Jimmy and I are looking forward to retiring from banking and interior design in a few years. We plan to retire to the Gulf Coast and spend more time with our grandchildren: Walker, 5, and Avery, 2, our daughters and extended families."

#### ELIZABETH SHINNICK Caldwell of Durham NC teaches at Trinity School of Durham and Changl Hill. She writes: "It

Durham NC teaches at Irinity School of Durham and Chapel Hill. She writes: "It is a classical Christian school. The curriculum inspires me, as it is based on the classical model of the Trivium grammar, logic and rhetoric. It is the job of a lifetime!"

CAROL STORM Smith of Singer Island FL celebrates her 10th year as vice president of development for Planned Parenthood of the Palm Beach and Treasure Cost Area. Carol is the proud grandmother of Mya Millholland Smith, 3, and Catherine Storm Smith, 6 months.

PAMELA WAVELL Clark of Coleman GA celebrated the birth of grandson Holden.

#### 1967

#### CECILIA "SAM" BURRUS

McGarrity of Portland OR writes: "Clumbia River with long-time friend Bob Baldwin (no kin to Mary). Sailing's in our blood — for fun and for work. Good wishes in 20041"

#### MARJORIE GILLESPIE Holt of

Newport News VA says that she and husband John are expecting three grandchildren in the spring and summer, "including one set of twins, our very first."

#### SUSAN MCKEOWN Waters of

Richmond VA writes: "Our son Richard and his family moved to Cleveland MS where he's teaching choral music at Delta State University. He is writing a thesis for his MDA."

#### KATHRYN "KATHY" RICE Knowles of

Wintergreen VA writes: "I've enjoyed serving on Mary Baldwin's advisory board of visitors this year, which has given me the opportunity to reconnect with class of '67 friends!"

#### KATHARINE "KAY" SAFFOLD Arnold

of Savannah GA writes: "I remarried in June 2003. My husband is Dr. Hugh Arnold, a political science professor. We first met years ago at the University of Georgia, and had not seen each other for many years."

EMILY WRIGHT Mallory of Roanoke VA writes: "Our daughter Julia Craven and her family moved to Lexington KY in June 2003. Her husband Rolf moved his research to the University of Kentucky and is lecturing in the medical school. Julia is teaching two classes at Lexington Community College and working in Rolf's lab. We were there in the fall to celebrate Joseph's third birthday. Son Bo and his wife Lisa bought a log cabin on top of a ridge in Black Mountain NC. My husband Brooke helpoel Bo refurbish the

exterior and they had a lot of bonding time on the scaffold. I still work part time as a decorator."

#### 1968

LYNN BOYD Hewitt of Raphine VA works part time at Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Fishersville VA and teaches carriage driving when she's not "playing with her horses."

TEMPE GRANT Thomas of Bethesda MD is in her 18th year of teaching 3-year-olds and in her 17th year as director of an after school childcare program for school-age children. She has a daughter who is an actress in Chicago and another daughter who is a rising junior at Boston University.

#### BARBARA JOHNSTON Ogles of

Memphis TN writes: "After 25 years, I retired in October 2003 from FedEx. I'm traveling a lot with my husband of four years, John Ogles. I miss my old classmates!"

#### 1969

ANGIER BROCK Caudle of Richmond VA has two granddaughters: Jane Angier Caudle and Lida Francis Caudle. Angier continues teaching and doing faculty development for the writing program in the English department at Virginia Commonwealth University.

JUDITH JONES Stevens of Mt. Airy NC writes: "I'm a grandmother! Son Allen, his wife and daughter, 1, live in Mt. Airy, so I see them often. Older son



# Non Pro Tempore Sed Acternitate

NOT FOR TIME BUT FOR ETERNITY...

How can you thank those whose love, support, and ideas helped to shape your character, your values, your very life?

For information about memorial opportunities at Mary Baldwin College, call or write:

Martha Masters '69 Director of Capital Support and Planned Giving Mary Baldwin College Staunton, VA 24401 540-887-7011 mmasters@mbc.edu Hal is in Seattle We visit often Husband John in semi-retired and we do a lot of traveling."

M. "REBEKAH" KENNEDY Caruso of Nashwile TN reports that son Paul received an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy, starting July 1 She writes: "We look forward to exploring Colorado Springs CO and the surrounding areas"

NORA "CHAMPE" LEARY of St. Louis MO writes. "I'm so sorry I missed the 35th reunion in May I was working at the Shakespeare Festival of St. Louis on a production of As You Like It It was performed outdoors in Forest Park the same weekend as the reunion."

GAYLE LESTER of N Bethesda MD continues to enjoy working at the National Institutes of Health in Rethesda

#### CLAIRE "YUM" LEWIS Amold of

Atlanta GA writes: "Busy, busy with Leadfrog Services Inc., Mary Baldwin, corporate boards, civic work and three geographically dispersed children Lessie, 29, is a Duke grad and doing real estate in Boston; Fielding, 25, a Duke grad, has her captain's license and is leading Outward Bound off Thompson Island, and Will, 22, is a senior at Brown University, majoring in philosophy and Ultimate Frisbee Ross and I are happily 'empty nestin.'"

JENNIFER MACK Urquhart of Honolulu HI writes "Urquhart & Associates, Inc., of which I am president, is entering it's fourth successful year with assignments in Maui and Honolulu, Chicago, upstate New York, and Monaco. U&A is a marketing and

management consulting firm based in Honolulu."

ELIZABETH "BETSY" NEWMAN

Mason of Norfork VA writes: "Enjoying serving on the MBC Board of Trustees! I cut back to part-time status at work on January 1, 2004. It's great to have some free time."

JANE TOWNES of Shelbyville TN writes. "MBC alumnae networking is making life easier ALEXIS HERB-STER '97 helped me line up a Rotary program with the Nashville Predators hockey team, and my housequests are eating better with 'good eats' from Baked by Beth, the catering business of LAURA 'BETH' PALK Hooper '93."

#### 1970

#### ELIZABETH "JANE" IRZYK Mize

writes. "Dave retired from the Marine Corps in August 2003 and took a job in New Orleans LA We bought a beautiful old house in the Garden District We're proud new grandparents to Rijev Anderson Pickett, a darling girl born Octoer 28, 2003. Son Jeff is working in D.C., and Stacey is still in Atlanta with Mike Rijev."

#### 1971

M. "CATHY" HENDERSON Stein of

Silver Springs MD writes "After spending 30 years analyzing public policy issues in higher education, I'm now working with high school students, helping them select colleges and careers"

KAREN KELLY Hartley of Villa Rica GA writes. "I'm still happily running my own decorating and interior design business All three kids are away in school Jenny, 25, is working on her master's in early childhood development at the University of West Virginia, and Michael and Brian, 22, are finally college seniors, planning to attend study abroad summer programs in London."

#### 1972

#### HARRIET STONEBURNER Bell of

Charlotesville VA wirtes: "My daughter had her second child (Ryan William Manning) October 31, 2003, so I now have a granddaughter (Sarah Beth Manning) and a grandson. "I'm still teaching high school science. I saw a lot of my MBC friends last summer at the weddings of the sons of classmates."

#### JILL WHITE Cooke and SUSAN "DEE" JONES McElroy

SALLY VIA Matthews of Houston TX writes: "Our daughter Elizabeth graduated from Davidson College this year. Catherine follows next year, graduating from Vanderbilt University (her dad's alma mater), and Jack is a rising high school senior beginning the college search process! Larkin is still building homes here in Houston, and I continue to work as finance director at our church"

#### 1973

DEIDRE DOUGHERTY Grogan of Marietta GA writes: "Still living in the

Marietta GA writes: "Still living in the Atlanta suburbs, working as an insurance underwriter and chaffeur for our 15-year-old daughter Alyson, who's a very active sophomore in high school."

CATHERINE HOOD Kennedy of

Columbia SC has been certified by the South Carolina Supreme Court as a specialist in estate planning and probate law. Husband Rick is serving as president of the South Carolina Society of Anesthesiologists.

BARBARA KNISELY Roberts of Burlington NC writes: "Our daughter graduated from the College of Charleston, and our son Keith is a rising senior at the University of South Carolina I had a nice trip to Dallas with KATHLEENTHOMASSON Bagby 73 to see CATHERINE

**LOUISE REID Thyson** of Vienna VA is excited to become a grandmother in July.

CROSS Hallberg '73

#### 1975

#### FLORENCE "DEE" BRANDON

Allison of Barboursville VA writes "My older son Neville graduated from JMU in Harrisonburg in May 2003 My younger son Brandon is a rising sophomore at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg. My husband Roe and I renewed our wedding vows (after 27 years) on the island of St. Lucia, where we spent a week just after Christmas at the Sandals beach resoft."

PATRICIA COFFEY of Montpelier VA looks forward to building on her family's farm in Hanover County. She writes. "After being away from Virginia for eight years, it's sweet to be available for the frequent family gatherines."

SUSAN GREEN Coulter of Cary NC reunited with classmates MAR-GARET BROWN Swift L. "SUSAN" WALTON Wynkoop and ANN "HAS-SIE" CLARK Ferebee at Edisto Beach SC She writes: "It was like the old days in North Balley!"

#### 1976

#### FRANCES HENDERSON Ford of

Charleston SC completed her degree in historic preservation and community planning at the College of Charleston. She now works for the city of Charleston as a preservation planner.

CAROL "LYNN" HOWARD Lawrence writes: "We continue to enjoy our lives in Charleston SC. It's been a blessing to be back in the states and closer to our families."

#### 1977

#### CYNTHIA VAUGHAN Lantz of

Richmond VA works with Parent to Parent of Virginia, an education and advocacy organization that supports individuals with disabilities and their families.

**BETTY WRIGHT** of Tulsa OK sent oldest son Streeter to Colorado College in Colorado Springs in January

#### 1978

#### PAMELA "PAM" WILLIAMS Butler of

Farmville VA writes: "This is my fourth year as director of development at Fuqua School, and I love it! It is great working at my children's school. Anne Cabell is in the ninth grade, and Mitchell is in the seventh.

#### 1979

#### LEAH ANNE COLEMAN Thomas of

Midlothian VA stays busy with volunteer work for the Chesterfield County Republican Party and the Junior League of Richmond. Leah Anne started her own business as a business and personal professional coach

and also continues consulting as a psychotherapist.

#### MARY NELL MCPHERSON of

Charlotte NC is founding director of Seigle Avenue Partners Inc., a nonprofit organization serving inner-city children at risk of school failure through afterschool and summer-camp programs. In addition to her work. Mary Nell is busy at Covenant Presbytenan Church, where she is char of the division of education. Husband Kevin and children Mollie, 14, and Rose, 12, are involved in choirs and youth fellowship.

#### 1981

NANCY HOPKINS Parsons of Keswick VA writes "I'm thoroughly enjoying every moment of my job as director of principal gifts for the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, which owns and operates Monticello. It is a fascinating and fully rewarding career experience. I invite all of my classmates and friends to call or visit me at Monticello! I enjoyed some extensive travel last fall: a wonderful trip to Deia, Mallorca, relaxing and soaking up the sun, followed by an extraordinary learning trip to Venice, Rome and Croatia, studying the architecture of Palladio, who had such an influence on Thomas Jefferson's architectural designs. Back home in Virginia, I'm riding and foxhunting regularly with the Keswick Hunt Club and enjoying life in the country with my dear 13-yearold Jack Russell terrier! I'm planning a vacation to Portofino and Florence this summer. I'd love to hear from old friends!"

#### ELIZABETH "LIZ" LAFFITTE

Malinowski and husband Jan live in Beaufort SC with children Richard, 14, Ted, 12, and Libby, 8 She writes: "In Beaufort for 13 years and love it! All well and staying busy"

#### 1982

ANNA "MCKENZIE" GIBSON Koon of Asheville NC writes: "I'm raising four daughters: Kelly, 10, Katherine, 7, Karel, 4, and Kerry, 17 months, with my supportive husband, Karl.

SUSAN LITTLE Adkins of Marretta GA writes: "We have three children: Mary Alice, 7, Paul, 5, and Christine, 3. We also had our first experience of being foster parents to a newborn, who was then adopted."

REBECCA LOVINGOOD of LaCombe

LA writes: "I'm involved with Greyhound Rescue and have three greyhounds, one Lab mix and two cats I moved into a new home in May 2003. I continue to work as a physical oceanographer and will be going to see in September and October of this year"

MELINDA MIDDLETON Knowles of Dallas TX stays busy with 5-year-old twins: Mark Jr. and Marguerite Melinda is president of Dallas for Children, a nonprofit organization for underprivileged children.

LUANNE WHITLOW Goodloe of Staunton VA has sold Subs and Scoops. a sub shop she operated near Mary Baldwin, and is enjoying time off. Son Miles is a rising junior at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg. and daughter Elizabeth will be in the sixth grade at Guardian Angel Academy in Staunton, Luanne and husband George look forward to celebrating their 22nd anniversary this year. She would love to hear from classmates.

#### 1984

**DEIDRE FLEMING Dougherty of** Ankeny IA writes: "Our family moved to Des Moines IA. Now my 10th-grade daughter is considering MBC. I love it!"

MARY POLLARD Raith of Winnetka IL writes: "My husband Peter and I live in Chicago and have four boys ages 2, 4, 6. and 8."

#### 1985

SUSAN HUNT Maynard formerly of Haughton LA writes: "We recently relocated back to Virginia. I graduated from dental hygiene school in 2001," working with her brother Bill Hunt, VMI '84. "My husband Gary, VMI '84, and our girls Jennifer, 15, and Katherine, 12, are enjoying life in Poquoson VA

PATTIE NORTON Gunter of Great Falls VA writes: "Classmate TAMI HATCH and I founded Gunter-Hatch Design Group. In addition to residential and commercial interior design, we are designing proprietary product lines for manufacturers' and retailers' home furnishings catalogs."

#### 1986

MICHELLE BURRY Knight of McLean VA writes: "I married Stuart Grayson Knight, October 3, 2003. It's the second marriage for me and the first for my husband. We got married in Fairfax VA and honeymooned in the Dominican Republic, which is a beautiful place to go on a honeymoon or vacation! I'm taking time off, as I sold my home and left my job at Hogan & Hartson as a senior trusts and estates legal assistant in December 2003. I'm trying to figure out what I want to do when I grow up! Stuart and I were going to relocate to the South, but it looks like we'll be here for quite some time as he's in the process of changing jobs, and I'm getting another one. He has a daughter named Madison, 7, so I guess that makes me a step-mom now. She is a joy to have around."

#### 1987

CARRIE ANDERSON Eisenberg of Fairfax VA stays busy with children Lydia Grace, 6, and Benjamin Wade, 3, volunteer work and church activities TRUDY RICKMAN of Richmond VA married Chuck Dean November 15, 2003. Bridesmaids included SIBYL "HONEY" PLUMLY de St. Aubin and MARY "KIM" LAM. Attendants were LOUISE "LOU" HALL Bloxom, STEPHANIE POORE Dean, WIN-NIFRED GRAVELY, JONNI LOU CORD, CHERIE SAWTELLE Gouaux,

and MAUDE "JEANINE" HOLMES Thomas, all Class of 1987.

#### 1988

LORI GILLIAM Ramsey writes: "I have lost touch with all of my wonderful friends from Mary Baldwin. Some very important things have happened in my life that I'd like to share with them. On March 8, 2002, I married Wilford P. 'Skip' Ramsey Jr. in Negril, Jamaica. I'm now living in Buena Vista VA where I teach sixth-grade science at Parry McCluer Middle School, I miss my friends very much and would love to contact them soon."

MARY HESS King of Harrisonburg VA is a stay-at-home mom with three children: Alex, 10, Tess, 7, and Grant, 3. She enjoys volunteering at their elementary school and plans to return to teaching soon.

#### 1989

NICOLE ANGRESANO married Joshua Mersky in Gordonsville VA October 11, 2003. In attendance were JENNIFER LUTMAN '89 and LAU-REL CARTER Bennett '90 The bride's flowers were carried in memory of ASHLEY DULAC '89. Nicole and Joshua live in Madison WI

MARY LOUISE "MISSI" BOWMAN of Baltimore MD completed the fundraising certificate program at Goucher College. She writes: "Bowman Financial Management moved, and I now have a beautiful new office. I'm still active in the Junior League and travel for leisure regularly."

#### 1990

KRISTEN BARNER of Charlottesville VA is the director of youth ministry at First Presbyterian Church. She writes: "Big news: I am getting married! David Loar is an actor with Shenandoah Shakespeare. Our wedding is set for the 9:30 a.m. worship service at First Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville August 1, 2004! No one is more surprised than we are! No one is happier than we are (except our families are tickled to death)!"

#### 1991

CYNTHIA "CINDY" COLE Bain and husband Warren of Dinwiddie VA celebrated the birth of son Warren "Carson" Bain June 29, 2003. Carson was welcomed home by big brother Hatcher, 3.

RACHELANNE FESTA Fleming of Clover SC writes: "We moved here in June 2003, and love our little town and wonderful church. Rusty is the worship pastor at First Baptist Church in Clover. We purchased an old house in town and love fixing it up for our family of five."

NADINE THIEL Danner and husband David of Ashburn VA are happy to announce the birth of second daughter Cartlin Lee September 24, 2003. Nadine writes: "Her big sister Caroline Marie was born June 10, 2001. Caroline and Caitlin just adore each other. I'm enjoying being a full-time mother to two sweet girls. They might be in MBC graduating classes of 2023 and 2025."

#### 1992

KRISTI BROWN Emerson of Virginia Beach VA was featured in the November 16, 2003, of The Virginian-Pilot ("Virginia Beach Beacon" section) for her work with Global Visions, a company she founded in 1998. Kristi contracts translators, interpreters and instructors in 105 languages, with the top five languages being Spanish, Arabic, Russian, Chinese and Korean.

MARY COCKE Read of Memphis TN earned her master's in liberal studies in clinical and community health research, and she received a small grant to look at disease patterns in Aleppo, Syria.

#### MARY REBECCA COX Hadfield

writes: "My husband Allan and I are living in Staunton VA. I stay very busy taking care of our two girls: Willa, 2, and Mary Bird, 1. Needless to say, I'm rather sleep deprived but happy to be doing important, rewarding work. We'll see what the future brings!

#### MARY BETH GORCYS Pauley writes:

"I relocated to what was always home! I moved back to the Virginia peninsula of Newport News VA and have affiliated myself with a brand new real-estate company called Liz Moore and Associates. I'm working as a Realtor, co-chairing the March of Dimes Peninsula Walk America, and am active in the Junior League of Hampton Roads, Jackson, 5, attends the same elementary school I did. I'd love to hear from any local alums!"

MELISSA KELLEY of Golden CO took a new job as executive director of the Colorado Parent and Child Foundation. She is also busy planning an August wedding to Dennis P. Laughren.

SUSAN O'DONNELL Black of Canal Winchester OH is the development director for St. Vincent Family Centers in Columbus.

#### BRENDA RABENAU Erwin of

Towson MD writes: "Life is full! Twins Catherine Caroline and William Christopher joined their big brother Jack April 7, 2003, Oh, what fun! I'm looking forward to catching up with old friends in 2004."



MBC Day at the SEC Women's Basketball Tournament March 5, 2004, in Nashville, TN (I to r) Jane Townes '69, Helen Stevens Forster '83, and Pam Leigh Anderson '84

APRIL WALTERS of Baltimore MD writes "After I left PEG, I got an associate's degree from Villa Julie College in '91, my bachelor's from St John's College in '96, and my master's in professional writing from Towson University in '02." April became engaged to Travis Hopkins over "leap day" weekend in February."

#### 1993

AMY BURROUGHS Ikerd of Raleigh NC writes: "Tive taken a job with IBM in RTP as the coordinator of health care quality initiatives and am excited to be finally using my health care administration degree! My job keeps me quite busy, but I still find time to spend with my husband Scott and our two dogs."

JACQUEEYN "JACQUI" ELLIOTT-Wonderley of Verona VA writes:
"I'm in a new position as associate
vice president for institutional
advancement at Bridgewater
College. I will finish my doctoral
course work at The George
Washington University this July
and will begin work on my dissertation, "The History of the Office of

SYDNEY MCCOWN Sanderson of Richmond VA writes: "We had our second daughter Frances Mason December 10, 2003. She joins Sattle, 2 I've been a pharmaceutical sales representative for Prizer Inc. for three years."

#### 1994

LAURA DOVE of Vail CO will marry Christopher Breeden October 9, 2004

**LEAH GARCIA** of Winter Park FL, writes: "I got engaged to a wonderful man, and we're planning a summer 2004 wedding"

ALICIA HAWKS Burdzel of Disputanta VA owns and operates King's BBQ #2 in Petersburg VA. She also teaches aerobics at the YMCA.

ALLISON HURLEY Predecki and husband Dan of Orrstown PA celebrated the birth of first child Kazimierz "Kaz" Daniel Predecki December 15, 2003.

WENDY JAMERSON Walter writes:
"My husband Chris and I welcomed a new addition to our family, Caleb Thomas, born June 4, 2003. We relocated back to Central VA (Faber), where I accepted the position of administrator at Fairmont Crossing Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Amherst.

JULIE LODGE Ustruck writes: "Our second son Logan Alexander was born at home (with a midwife) October 22, 2003 He weighed 6 lbs., 5 ounces and was 20 inches long. He joins older brother Jack at the family home in Katy TX."

#### KATHLEEN "KATHY" MAGUIRE

Jenkins of Stuarts Draft VA writes
"On October 1B, 2003, Kristen
Makayla Jenkins was born at Augusta
Medical Center in Fishersville She
weighed in at 8 lbs., 1 ounce and was
18.5 inches She has a proud big sister, Shannon Maureen, who turned 5
May 17 Life is so awesome with two
little ones to keep us busy. We wonder what we ever did with all our
spare time before children"

#### GERRI WHITTAKER Timmons of

Ownesboro KY writes "I finished my first semester of graduate school at Western Kentucky University I'm planing to earn my master's in education in mental health counseling and hope to focus primarily on marriage and family counseling. In February, I traveled to Japan to attend the wedding party of my senior roommate (exchange student) TOMOKO ASANO

#### 1996

AMY HALL Pulaski and husband Michael of Sandston VA are the proud parents of Anna Caroline Pulaski, born December 26, 2003 Amy writes: "We are loving every moment of parenthood!"

JENNIFER REYNOLDS Sams of Stuarts Draft writes: "My husband Doug and I are excited about the arrival of our first child, Kaleb Wayne Sams. He was born July 6, 2003. He weighed 7 lbs., 11 ounces and was 20 inches. He is so much fun, and motherhood is an awesome experience."

#### HEATHER SHUMAN Fox of

Richmond VA writes: "We were blessed with a new addition to our family December 19, 2003. His name is Brendan Frost Fox."

KRISTEN WING Asma of Clifton Forge VA writes: 'I got married to Mike Asma April 12, 2003, and we bought our new house in 2004"

#### 1998

JESSICA CHARLES Copenhaver and husband Chris of Round Hill VA celebrated the birth of a baby girl November 17, 2003 She writes: "We named her Juliana Soleil. She weighed 8 lbs., 14 ounces"

JENNIFER ESTES Molseed marned Christopher Edward Molseed October 18, 2003. After receiving her degree in biology from Mary Baldwin, Jennifer graduated from the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veternary Medicine and is an emergency veterinarian at the Animal Emergency Clinic of Central Virginia in Lynchburg, where the couple reside. Christopher graduated from North Carolina State University and is a nuclear engineer at Framatome, ANP in lynchburg.

NANCY "NAN" GARRETT Yeaw of Stafford VA writes "My daughters are now 3 (Natalie Grace) and 17 months (Mary Helen). My husband is the senior advisor for nuclear issues to the assistant secretary of state. I'm a happy homemaker and perform with our church's hand-bell choir."

KATHY LIEN of New York City writes. "Following the year that I spent at PEG, I transferred to NYU and graduated with a B.S. in finance. I immediately began working with JPMorgan, and then moved on to head the research department of Forex Capital Markets. Since then, I've been quoted by CBSMarketWatch, Reuters, Bloomberg and various smaller news agencies. I also provide daily video commentary on Forex Television. My career has progressed very solidly, and I attribute a good portion of the opportunities that I have been provided to the experience and opportunity that PEG provided me."

#### 1999

**ERIN BERNACHE** Alberts of Oxford MS writes: "I had a baby in September 2002 and graduated with my master's in fine arts in May 2003."

RAMONA DAVID of Garthersurg MD works full time for the Department of Energy and part time with Marnott Hotels.

TEPHANIE DAWSON Hodges married Thomas Bryant Hodges Jr. August 9, 2003, at the William Paca House in historic Annapolis MD. Tephanie teaches at Hanover Academy in Ashland VA, and Thomas is an environmental scientist at Earth Tech linc. in Richmond, where they live.

KIMBERLY DINGES Miller writes: "I began working as a development associate in the development and fundraising office at Massanutten Military Academy in Woodstock VA in January MMA is a private military prep school in the Shenandoah Valley This is a new and exciting career with opportunities for advancement. I assist alumni with making gifts, receiving and recording them, tracking donors and working on various mailings. I visited MBC in mid-January and received some valuable information on the subject of fundraising from classmate ANNIE SAVAL I've been married for almost five years. My husband Bucky and I live in Mt Jackson VA"

BROOKE HITE Ginn and husband Randal welcomed the birth of son Lewis Allen January 6, 2004

STEPHANIE LAWLEY of Kingstowne VA passed the October 2003 Patent Bar Exam and graduated from George Mason University School of Law in May. Stephanie works for a Washington D.C. patent law firm.

IANA PHILLIPS-Quigley of Alexandria VA writes "Over last Thanksgiving holiday, after lunch at PF Chang's in Tyson's Corner II in McLean, MBC '99 class-

mates AIMEE HERRERA Kozick, "LEE ANN" WILLIAMS TIFFANY RICHTER, HEATHER FARIS and I went to FAO Schwarz to act like 'kidz', and we had a dang good time of it!"

MARLA SCHIFFER, formerly of Cherry Hill NJ, moved to Tarzana CA in July 2003 Although she says she misses the East Coast, the move brought her closer to many family members

JENNIFER VERGNE of Alexandria VA writes "I'm still working as an attorney for the IRS in Washington D.C. and am loving my job and this city!" Jennifer was excited to return to campus for her reunion in May

GRETAWINN of Richmond VA earned her master's in business administration from Averett University in January and is engaged to marry Thomas Pascal "T." Kidd III August 28, 2004, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Richmond Greta is vice president of business development and marketing at Entrust Federal Credit Union in Richmond, and T is employed as the money-market specialist at Wachovia Securities in Glen Allen VA

MICHAL ZIVAN Coffey of Richmond VA writes. "My husband and I moved into our first house and are enjoying the extra space. I also have a new position with Virginia Commonwealth University as director of The Learning Center."

#### 2000

MINETTE "MINDY" BERRY is a police officer in Staunton VA, where she resides She is engaged to marry Daniel Claxton October 4, 2004.

JENNIFER DONAVANT Shively and husband David of Rocky Mount VA are proud to announce the birth of son Hunter Chase Shively. Hunter was born December 14, 2003, and weighed six lbs. 12 ounces.

BETHANY SANDONE of Sewell NJ graduated May 20, 2004, from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia PA. She aerned a master of arts in teaching visual art and plans to pursue a career in art education in southern New Jersey.

#### SHAWNA SHERMAN Quisenberry

of Portsmouth VA married Ezekiel
"Zeke" Quisenberry August 2, 2003.
Shawna has worked for Suffolk Public
Schools since graduating from Mary
Baldwin and is also a consultant with
The Pampered Chef. Zeke serves in
the U.S. Navy.

LYDIA WELCH Campbell of Staunton VA married Troy Campbell October 18, 2003. The ceremony took place on the Mary Baldwin campus at Cannon Hill and was attended by Lydia's sister

#### ERIN WELCH '02 and AMBER BUR-NETTE '03

#### 2001

RASHIDA BRADLEY and Benjamin Scott Jr. of Philadelphia PA celebrated the birth of son Benjamin Scott III May 19, 2003.

JANEEN "NEEN" CARTER lives in Norfolk VA with husband Nate and daughter Charity. She writes: "As usual, I've been too busy running in circles to keep in touch. Charity turned 1 in February — let's just say she acts more like me than I want to admit."

MEGAN "WENDY" FOSCUE Armstrong of Olympia WA is a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. While deployed in the Middle East, Wendy and best friend KRISTIN MRAZIK Cole '01 (first lieutenant, U.S. Army) were able to spend a few hours together.

ELIZABETH "MENDEN" POOLE of Staunton VA writes: "I'm working as the marketing director for Colonial Mall and am engaged to my boyfriend of three years, Danny. Hope everyone is doing well!"

KELLY REESE, formerly of Waynesboro VA, moved to Virginia Beach in January. She writes: "I'll be living here for six months and will be the Christian educator for the church I grew up in. In August, I will head to Austin TX to begin seminary."

CASSANDRA "CASSIE" SCOTT of Conroe TX writes: "In July 2003, I moved to Texas to be with my fiancee Carey West. We were engaged November 23 at a Civil War reenactment and plan to get married on August 7, 2004, in Vienna VA. I'm looking forward to seeing Liz, Jessi and Sunita at my wedding! I miss you all!"

LAURA TAYLOR Hart writes: "My husband Matthew, VMI '99, is the new associate pastor for students and children at Western Branch Baptist Church." Laura, Matthew and baby daughter Lindsey reside in Portsmouth VA.

#### 2002

EMILY ALLEN of Richmond VA writes: "I got engaged December 6, 2003, and find myself busily planning a fall 2004 wedding, I'm also managing a busy physician's practice here in Richmond."

BRANDI AUSTIN of Stuarts Draft VA works for Mary Baldwin College as assistant director of alumnae/i activities. She loves her new career opportunity.

KRISTEN BRYANT Gould of Manassas VA writes: "My husband Les and I have added to our family. Evan Leslie Gould was born January 16, 2004. He weighed 5 lbs., 4 ounces."

WINDSOR HALL Johnson writes: "I hope everyone is doing well. I've been teaching third grade in Stafford County but recently accepted a job with Fairfax County Schools, so I'm not sure what grade I'll be teaching. I'm still Iving in Centreville VA and enjoying newlywed life!"

AYESHA MUHAMMAD of Dallas TX became engaged January 10, 2004, to Jason Hawkins, 24. The couple will marry November 6, 2004, in Grand Prairie TX. The wedding colors will be maroon and silver.

ALEJANDRA PEREZ-RUBIO of Chester VA writes: "After graduation, I took a long vacation and taught swimming at the Richmond Supply Defense Center, In December 2002, I began working in Henrico for Allstate Insurance Co. as a casualty claims adjuster and then took the position of critical incident response team leader for the Richmond office. I'm also working for the Chester Family YMCA teaching swimming. I plan to start a bilingual service team at the Richmond Market Claim Office. Future plans include starting my own business and traveling."

#### 2003

HEATHER CARINLE of Vermillion SD is in her first year of graduate school at the University of South Dakota, working toward a master of arts in theatre. She is also the publicity director for the school's theatre department. Heather writes: "I miss all my MBC grilles."

KELLEY CLEMENS McElroy writes: "After graduation, I went to work in Texas until November 15, 2003, when my fiancee Colin McElroy, VMI '03, and I got married. We moved to Germany, where Colin is a lieutenant in the U.S. Army. We have a puppy named Woofer and are enjoying married life! Hello to all my MBC girls! Hope everyone is doing well!"

CHRISTINA "CRISSY" JURACH of Stafford VA is a marketing coordinator for a publishing firm in Virginia. She writes: "My job allows me to travel to places like Toronto, Orlando, Chicago, and Las Vegas. It's a great experience!"

#### ADP 1981

FRANCES WILSON of Winston-Salem NC continues to travel frequently and spent February in the western Caribbean while her state had snow. She serves on her church's altar guild, volunteers for the Salvation Army, and is playing bridge again after pausing for 22 years. She writes: "enjoying life!"

#### 1982

TERESA BIGLER of Burke VA is enjoying retirement. She stays active walking, reading, playing tennis and learning to play bridge with her family.

#### 1983

SYLVIA LYNN of Cookeville TN writes: "We're moving to Virginia in the near future. We have a greatgrandson, Tanner Allen, born September 10, 2003."

#### 1986

JUDY FINCH HARPER of Tremont PA continues to own and operate Echo Valley Campground and has upgraded her business with new showers and other amenities.

#### 1990

CAROLYN WILKINSON of Woodbridge VA writes: "I'm teaching at Northern Virginia Community College (many Mary Baldwin ADP students are in my classes). Strayer University and University of Phoenix online courses are great opportunities for facilitating and encouraging lifelong learning!"

#### 1998

MARIANNE JENSEN of Charlottesville VA volunteers as a receptionist one morning a week at the Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society.

**LINDA SHORT** of Roanoke VA retired November 21, 2003, after working at Verizon 38 years.

#### 1999

**DONNA KENWARD** of Palmyra VA teaches students of various ages year round.

#### 2000

PATRICIA EVANS of Penhook VA had the article "Mountain View" published in the January/February 2003 edition of Blue Ridge Traditions.

JEANNINE PERSINGER of New Castle VA is a kindergarten teacher at McCleary Elementary School.

#### 2001

J. "MICHELLE" HUGHES of Lexington VA writes: "My husband Michael and I welcomed our first child on September 1, 2003. Our son Nathaniel Gregory Hughes weighed 4 lbs., 12.5 ounces (born at 35 weeks). He is healthy and doing extremely well!"

#### 2002

KENT MCCLANAHAN of Glen Allen VA graduated May 22, 2004, with an executive MBA from Virginia Commonwealth University.

#### 2003

#### CYNTHIA "CINDY" BOODEN of

Midlothian VA retired from Verizon in November 2003 after 30 years. She is a substitute teacher and enjoys traveling and spending time with her three grandchildren: Carey, Lily and Seth.

JOSEPHINE "JOSIE" DULL of Fishersville VA had the article "The Struggle for Civil Rights in Staunton and Augusta County" published in the 2002 issue of the Augusta Historical Bulletin.

REBECCA "BECKY" LEEPER of

Richmond VA is working toward a master's in business administration with a concentration in human resources. She writes: "I've been promoted to senior admissions representative at Bryant & Stratton College. Also, I'm volunteering as a mentor and tutor for Radio-One (Power 92) in Richmond for Clarks Springs Elementary Schoot. Graduation from Mary Baldwin College has made all this happen, and I really feel good advortum ty life. Thanks to my college and professors."

#### MARRIAGES

VIRGINIA "GIN" GONDER '66 to Tom O'Neill, December 21, 2002

TRUDY RICKMAN '87 to Chuck Dean, November 15, 2003

LORI GILLIAM '88 to Wilford P. "Skip" Ramsey Jr., March 8, 2002

NICOLE ANGRESANO '89 to Joshua Mersky, October 11, 2003

KRISTEN WING '96 to Mike Asma, April 12, 2003

JENNIFER ESTES '98 to Christopher Edward Molseed, October 18, 2003

TEPHANIE DAWSON '99 to Thomas Bryant Hodges Jr., August 9, 2003

SHAWNA SHERMAN '00 to Ezekiel "Zeke" Quisenberry, August 2, 2003

LYDIA WELCH '00 to Troy Campbell, October 18, 2003

KELLEY CLEMENS '03 to Colin McElroy, November 15, 2003

#### BIRTHS

CYNTHIA "CINDY" COLE Bain '91 and Warren: a son, Warren "Carson," June 29, 2003

NADINETHIEL Danner '91 and David: a daughter, Caitlin Lee, September 24, 2003

BRENDA RABENAU Erwin '92 and Christopher: twins, Catherine Caroline and William Christopher, April 7, 2003

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MARY "POLLY" SATTERFIELD Smith '92 and Mark. twins, Julia Ellynn and Lauren Elisabeth, January 16, 2004

SYDNEY MCCOWN Sanderson '93 and John: a daughter, Frances Mason, December 10, 2003

**ALLISON HURLEY Predecki '94** and Dan a son, Kazımıerz "Kaz" Daniel, December 15, 2003

KATHLEEN "KATHY" MAGUIRE Jenkins '94 and Brian. a daughter, Kristen Makayla, October 1B, 2003

**AMY HALL Pulaski '96** and Michael: a daughter, Anna Caroline, December 26, 2003

**JENNIFER REYNOLDS Sams '96** and Doug a son, Kaleb Wayne, July 6, 2003

HEATHER SHUMAN Fox '96 and James: a son, Brendan Frost, December 19, 2003

JESSICA CHARLES Copenhaver '98 and Chris. a daugher, Juliana Soleil, November 17, 2003 ERIN BERNACHE Alberts '99 and William. a son, William Clyde "Trey Kirkpatrick III, September B, 2002

BROOKE HITE Ginn '99 and Randal a son, Lewis Allen, January 6, 2004

KATHERINE "NIKI" TINNON Foxx '99 and Gregory a son, Gregory Alexander, July 23, 2003

JENNIFER DONAVANT Shively '00 and David: a son, Hunter Chase, December 14, 2003

RASHIDA BRADLEY '01 and Benjamin Scott Jr a son, Benjamin III, May 19, 2003

J. "MICHELLE" HUGHES '01 and Michael a son, Nathaniel Gregory, September 1, 2003

KRISTEN BRYANT Gould '02 and Les a son, Evan Leslie, January 16, 2004

#### DEATHS

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MARY HENDERSON Wannamaker '21. January 23, 2004

KATHRYN STUART Benson '26 February 21, 2004

SARA RALSTON Clowser '27, January 19, 2004

GLADYS "HAPPY" LYLES '33 January 28, 2003

FRANCES RICHARDSON Leibrock '34 November 27, 2003

NANCY WALLACE Henderson '36, April 5, 2004

MARTHA DYER Campbell '38, June 13, 2003

JOYCE GLEASON Bryant '39, December 2, 2003

CLARISSA "CLEO" SHEPHERD Gaylord '42, January 9, 2004

MARY JANE BEYER Sleeper '44, December 13, 2003 JEAN DINKINS Thomason '46 Novemer 17, 2003

JEAN ROLEN Campell '46 October 10, 2002

ELVA FIFER '48, January 19, 2004

NANCY RAWLS Watson '49 February 17 2004

KATHERINE BAILEY Barry '52 December 23, 2003

JULIA BACKUS Smith '68, December

RITA FAYE BAIRD Walters '78 February 25, 2004

#### CORRECTION

In the report on gifts to Mary Baldwin College for the 2002-03 fiscal year, published in the spring magazine, S. VanNiert Lyman should have appeared in the Memoral Gifts section under Adriane Heim Lyman 1950 in addition to his listings in other categories



#### Dallas, Texas

Evening Reception for President Pamela Fox and Dan Layman at the home of Ray and Heather Hill Washburne '94 February 10, 2004

- President Pamela Fox, Carol Alspaugh Denton '69
- Laura Kerr Weaver '84, Peggy Anderson Carr '67
- 3. Carroll "Squeaky" Suggs Connolly '92. Sabrina Rakes Fahey '94
- Anne Hall Billings '71, Carla Rucker Nix '57, Joan Velten Hall '66
- Heather Hill Washburne '94, Carla Rucker Nix '57, Susan Bernoudy Lebowitz '71, Jennifer Greenburg

#### Houston, Texas

Evening Reception for President Pamela Fox and Dan Layman at the home of Curtis and Barbara Bullock Williams '57 February 12, 2004

- Diane Evans Wood '54, Barbara Bullock Williams '57, Millie Bleakney Mason '59
- 7. Jane Turner, Cherry Aycock '00, Claudia Turner Aycock '66
- Curtis Williams, President Fox, Barbara Bullock Williams '57





















# Stava Lindsey Lieberman '04

I've been playing the violin since I was 4 years old — after I saw one in the J. C. Penney Christmas catalog. My parents actually believed me when I told them then that I wanted to play the violin.

I remember sitting in the office of Lise Keiter-Brotzman, assistant professor of music, during my first few days at Mary Baldwin, I told her I wanted to major in music, and she asked me if I played piano or sang. There was not yet a program here for strings. Fortunately, she found a violin teacher from James Madison University to teach me and about three other students during the spring semester. Over the summer. we found Susan Black, a violinist from Charlottesville. who has been teaching me since. In my junior year, I passed the required audition to be a music performance major — and the first violin major in decades!

The creation of the music performance major for violin is one of those storybook tales I love to tell prospective students: If you want to participate in or study something at MBC that is not in place already, it only takes the right amount of drive to make it happen. The faculty cares a great deal about our academic well being.

I'm now the teacher for the Waynesboro Strings School, established by the Waynesboro Community Orchestra, which I play in. I'm teaching my students through the Suzuki method that I learned as a child. I'm planning to get a master's degree in music education, emphasizing Suzuki pedagogy. Lots of long words, but it means that I'll be fully certified to teach all levels of Suzuki.

College wasn't a realistic step for many people in the small town of Lusby, Maryland, where I grew up. I was the first in my family to attend college; my sister followed shortly after. Thankfully, our parents knew what we were capable of, and they expected us to break out of the norm.

We're told at Marv Baldwin that we're a student-run campus, and that's because we really are. In four years, I have compiled a lengthy résumé of activities. including the President's Society, Student Alumnae Relations Society (STARS). Honor Council, Student Government Association and Student Advocate, I must say that I think I've learned a lot about myself through these, especially as HC chairwoman. Integrity is important, and I'm proud that I am among the MBC women who protected it.





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The weather couldn't have been better for the annual Spring Fling on the lawn of Alumnae. House and its thome this year, the Mad Hatte tea party from Alice in Wandsdand. The event, spansored by the Alumnae/i Association Bear, of Directors, the Office of Alumnae/i Activities and the Student Alumnae Relations Society (STARS), is a time to congretulate seniors for four years of hard work and wolcome them as soon-to-be alumnae.